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CARL E. WILLIAMSON
Lt. Col. JAGC, Asst. Exec.
Date: 28 JAN 1954

July 4, 1942.

Dear Colonel Weir:

Responding to our conversation of this morning in your office, when we discussed the stenographic reporting of the President's Military Commission, we beg to submit the following proposal: (for proceedings held in Washington, D.C.)

Corps to handle the work:

We will furnish seven (7) persons as follows:

Manager in charge:

1 Lloyd L. Harkins, 2807 Key Boulevard, Arlington, Va.

Shorthand Reporters:

2 J. Chester Wilfong, 225 17th Street Northeast.
3 Francis J. Attig, 3039 Macomb Street Northwest.
4 Nicholas J. Cinciotta, 511 Mellom Street S.E., Apt. 2.

Dictaphone Operators:

5 Mrs. J. Chester Wilfong, 225 17th Street Northeast.
6 M. R. O'Connor, 1625 E Street Southeast.
7 Mrs. Beulah Burns, 3314 Mt.Pleasant Street N.W.

Transcript charge:

60¢ per folio of 100 words for 5 copies of transcript, to be delivered by 9 p.m. same day proceedings are had, based upon recess for the day not later than 5 p.m., and prompt cooperation in the furnishing of any necessary papers or data used. Following custom, folios will be estimated on average of 10 words per line.

Per diem charge:

No per diem attendance charge for our corps when proceedings are actually being reported and transcribed. But, if the corps is in attendance and for any reason no proceedings are being reported, or are being reported and not transcribed, an attendance charge will be made of $8.00 per half day or $16.00 per day per person.

Management of work:

For such a corps a Manager is absolutely necessary, and our Mr. Lloyd L. Harkins will act in that capacity, be on hand at all times, and no charge will be made for his services.

Respectfully submitted,

HART & DICE,

By G. L. Hart
(Geo.L.Hart)

P.S.

If an additional shorthand reporter is needed we will use Leon M. Golding, 5000 South Cornell St., Chicago, Ill.

July 6, 1942

M E M O R A N D U M

Re: LEON M. GOLDING

Mr. Gordon Morgan, Chief Clerk, U. S. Attorney's Office, Chicago, Illinois, has advised that Golding is a good court reporter and has served with the grand jury in Chicago. Morgan advised that Golding is presently working with Jacob I. Grossman of the Alien Hearing Board in Chicago. He also stated that Golding is a grumbling type of individual but that otherwise he has a good personality.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent T. H. MORGAN:

CRIMINAL

The files of the Traffic Bureau of the Metropolitan Police Department reflected three traffic violations on the part of PAUL ranging over a period from May, 1932, through March, 1939. They involved parking overtime, making a turn without giving a signal, and speeding, the fines for which were from $2.00 to $5.00.

The files of the Criminal Identification Division failed to reflect any record for PAUL.

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
ALFRED C. PAUL, JESSIE L. WARD PAUL & WARD	INFORMATION CONCERNING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Informants advise that firm enjoys satisfactory reputation as reporters generally. Work is considered inferior to that of similar firms known to informants. T-1 and T-3 advise they are convinced from personal experience that the firm is engaged in some illicit activities believed to involve the use of narcotics by members of the firm and employees generally, either at solicitation of, or with, the tacit consent of the responsible members of the firm. It is further reported by T-3 that she believes certain immoral activities are indulged in on the premises of the Ward and Paul firm by employees, particularly the female employees. T-1 and T-3 consider the officials of the firm deceitful and untrustworthy. Credit reports indicate firm has credit when the obligations are endorsed by Mr. PAUL. Several business enterprises are carried on by the various members of the firm of Ward and Paul, independent of the reporting partnership. Police records reflect that JESSIE WARD was arrested 9-14-35 for drunkeness and fined $10. JESSIE LEE WARD was arrested 12-4-26 for failure to pay Board Bill; charges nolle prossed. Impossible to effect positive identification with subject of instant investigation. ALFRED C. PAUL arrested on traffic violations on three occasions paying fines from $2 to $5 on each occasion for parking and turning and speeding in violation of law. Informants advise that Mr. WARD had close affiliations with influential persons on Capitol Hill.

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REFERENCE: Telephone call from Supervisor GEORGE BURTON of the Bureau to Special Agent in Charge S. K. McKEE on July 4, 1942 at 4:00 P. M.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent D. B. BRYAN.

Inspector JOSEPH W. SHIMON, United States Attorney's Office, residence address 3230 South Globe Road, Arlington, Virginia, Honorable NATHAN CAYTON, 2943 Macomb Street, Northwest, and Honorable CHESTER H. GRAY, Chief Trial Attorney, Corporation Counsel, residence address 6420 31st Street, Northwest, advised that they could not recall having observed ALFRED C. PAUL ever reporting the proceedings of a trial and therefore could give no opinion with reference to his character, loyalty or shorthand ability.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent T. H. MORGAN:

MR. JOHN J. O'LEARY, Chief Clerk, United States Attorney's Office, advised that he knows MR. ALFRED C. PAUL by name only. He stated that each year the United States Attorney's Office sends out bids to all the Court Reporters in town, and that in this manner the name of MR. PAUL became familiar to him. He stated, however, that he was not personally acquainted with him.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent C. S. MAYFIELD, JR.

Mr. FRED A. CARLSON, Official Reporter of Debates, United States Senate, advised that he was acquainted with ALFRED C. PAUL, who had formerly worked for Hart, Dice and Carlson before going into business for himself. Mr. CARLSON stated that he knew of no derogatory information concerning Mr. PAUL and believed him to be of high character, good morals, and a high degree of reliability.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent C. S. MAYFIELD, JR.

Mr. JOHN D. RHODES, Official Reporter of Debates, United States Senate, advised that he knew of ALFRED C. PAUL by reputation and that Mr. PAUL is very highly regarded in his profession.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent C. S. MAYFIELD, JR.

Mr. JOHN D. RHODES, Official Reporter of Debates, United States Senate, advised that he knew JESSIE L. WARD slightly and that he supposed that he was all right since he had done a great deal of work for the government, some of which was of a very confidential nature.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent D. B. BRYAN.

Inspector JOSEPH W. SHIMON, United States Attorney's Office, residence address 3230 South Glebe Road, Arlington, Virginia, Honorable NATHAN CAYTON, 2948 Macomb Street, Northwest, and Honorable CHESTER H. GRAY, Chief Trial Attorney, Corporation Counsel, Residence address 6420 31st Street, Northwest, advised that they could not recall having observed JESSE L. WARD ever reporting the proceedings of a trial and therefore could give no opinion with reference to his character, loyalty or shorthand ability.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent C. S. MAYFIELD, JR.

Mr. GREGOR McPHERSON, Official Reporter of Debates, United States Senate, advised that he had met Mr. JESSE L. WARD and knew his reputation. Mr. McPHERSON stated that Mr. WARD had come to Washington from Mississippi as secretary, he believed, to Senator PAT HARRISON, and had later gone into the business of shorthand reporting. He stated that Mr. WARD's reputation was very good.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent T. H. MORGAN:

MR. JOHN J. O'LEARY, Chief Clerk, United States Attorney's Office, advised that he knows MR. JESSE L. WARD by name only. He stated that each year the United States Attorney's Office sends out bids to all the Court Reporters in the city, and that in this way he became acquainted with MR. WARD by name only, and that he is not personally acquainted with him.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent D. B. BRYAN.

Inspector JOSEPH W. SHIMON, United States Attorney's Office, residence address 3230 South Glebe Road, Arlington, Virginia, advised that he did not know any member of the reporting firm of Ward and Paul. He did state, however, that he was familiar with that reporting firm, having heard it discussed by members of the Bar and other persons and it was his opinion from the remarks concerning this firm that it was "not so hot".

Honorable NATHAN CAYTON, 2948 Macomb Street, Northwest, observed that members of the Bench and Bar in the District of Columbia regard the reporting firm of Ward and Paul as being very capable. He stated that it was his understanding that they enjoyed an excellent reputation as a reporting firm.

Honorable CHESTER H. GRAY, Chief Trial Lawyer, Corporation Counsel, residence address, 6420-31st Street, Northwest, stated that he was not familiar with the reporting firm of Ward and Paul and was not in a position therefore to express an opinion with reference to the reputation of this firm.

Mr. MIKE CARNEY, United States Marshal, advised Special Agent A. G. MACDONALD that he did not personally know anything in regard to the firm of Ward and Paul but he understood from various things that some of his deputy marshals had said that their reports were not as accurate as they could have been and also that their reporters at times had to interrupt the witnesses and request them to repeat their testimony. He also advised that he had heard indirectly through his United States Marshals on various occasions that during a court recess, the reporters had made remarks regarding the trial which should not have been made where they might have been overheard by an officer of the court. Mr. CARNEY stated he did not know which of his marshals had made the remarks and he did not know which of the reporters were being referred to.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent C. S. MAYFIELD, JR.

Mr. FLOYD WORDEN, Official Reporter of Debates, United States Senate, advised that he knew of the firm of Ward and Paul and of Mr. JESSIE L. WARD and ALFRED C. PAUL by reputation and that they were regarded as very good men in the profession, but that he understood the firm did a tremendous quantity of work and was not quite up to the standard of the firm of Hart and Dice.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent C. S. MAYFIELD, JR.

Mr. GREGOR McPHERSON, Official Reporter of Debates, United States Senate, stated that he knew of the firm of Ward and Paul; that its reputation as a whole was very good; but that he believed the firm sometimes sacrificed quality for quantity. He further stated that this firm has a large volume of Government contracts and that Mr. WARD was formerly closely connected with Senator PAT HARRISON of Mississippi.

Mr. FRED A. CARLSON, Official Reporter of Debates, United States Senate, advised that he knew the firm of Ward and Paul by reputation and by occasional contact with their personnel and that he knew of no derogatory information concerning the firm. However, Mr. CARLSON stated that the quality of this firm's work was sometimes sacrificed in order to do a tremendous volume of reporting and that, as a result, their reporting was sometimes inaccurate. He stated frankly that he was prejudiced in favor of Hart and Dice and that Ward and Paul's reputation was good, as a whole.

Mr. HARRY HULL, Deputy clerk, U. S. District Court, 1210 Woodside Parkway, Silver Spring, Maryland, telephone, Sheppard-7643, advised Special Agent JACK V. CURLIN the following information:

He advised that the Ward and Paul Shorthand Reporting Firm had been for the past year, under contract to the U. S. District Court as the agency responsible for all reporting work in trials of these courts. He advised that the firm bears a good reputation in reporting circles and has executed the work required of them in an expeditious manner with no criticism being made of the reliability of the reports.

Mr. ALLEN KRAUSE, Assistant U. S. Attorney, 4th and Indiana Avenue, N. W., telephone, Georgia-2074, advised Special Agent JACK V. CURLIN the following information:

He stated that the shorthand reporting firm of Ward and Paul had been for the last year under contract to the U. S. District Courts to furnish reporters in all trials within these courts which required that the testimony given in the trials be recorded. He stated that although he is not acquainted with the individual members of the firm personally, that the general reputation of Ward and Paul was good with respect to the work performed and that he had never heard criticism on furnished court reporters or of JESSE L. WARD or ALFRED C. PAUL, personally.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. H. TIBBALS under the name of the firm of WARD & PAUL.

JESSIE L. WARD and ALFRED D. PAUL form the firm of WARD & PAUL, according to Mr. RICHMOND B. KEECH, corporation counsel. Mr. KEECH further stated that they had been in the reporting business for years and enjoyed a very good reputation. He stated he was not well acquainted with them personally, but had never had any experience with them which would cause him to doubt their capability or integrity.

Mr. LEO A. ROVER, attorney at law, stated he was acquainted with the firm of WARD & PAUL and knew them to speak to, but was not well acquainted with either of the members of this firm. He stated they had always been a reputable firm, but he would not personally consider them to be as capable and reliable as certain other of the firms (reporting) in the District of Columbia.

Mr. JAMES C. WILKES stated that he has personally had very limited experience with the firm of WARD & PAUL. He stated that insofar as he knew they enjoyed a satisfactory reputation. He stated he knew they did not handle their business upon as businesslike a basis as certain other reporting firms in the District of Columbia, and he had found their reporting not quite so accurate. He stated, however, that this observation was based upon a very limited experience with the firm, and he specifically stated he was not in a position to pass upon the character, patriotism or loyalty of the firm. Mr. WILKES recommended that confidential informant T-1 be contacted, as he believed that this individual would have information which might be of value in this investigation.

Mr. CHARLES B. MURRAY, Assistant United States Attorney, stated he had been acquainted with the firm of WARD & PAUL for sometime, and that they presently held the contract with the United States Attorney's Office for reporting service. He stated he was not well acquainted with either member and not sufficiently well acquainted to pass any judgment upon their individual capabilities, character, patriotism and loyalty. He did states, however, that they did not create much of an impression upon him with regard to the formal handling of their business, and he did not believe that the quality of their workmanship was the equivalent of the reporting firms previously employed by the United States Attorney's Office.

Confidential informant T-1 advised that his daughter, hereinafter referred to as T-2, had been in the employ of the firm of WARD & PAUL. He stated that as a result of her conduct shortly after entering the employ of the firm, she became addicted to the use of narcotics. He further became convinced that she was guilty of certain improper conduct which had been encouraged by members of the firm, and, as a result of his contacts with the firm in behalf of his daughter, both he and his wife are convinced

that they are not reliable or responsible persons, though T-1 stated he knew they enjoyed a good reputation as a reporting firm in the District of Columbia. He stated his observations are based purely upon personal experience and do not have any relation to official work which the firm has done for him.

Confidential informant T-3 stated that it had come to his attention that the firm maintained quarters in the office where a cot was kept, and a shower was installed, and it was believed that the girls employed by the firm were supposed to have lived there at times. It is the belief of confidential informant T-3 that prostitution has been indulged in. T-3 further advised that his daughter had been associated with T-4, who was an employee of the firm of WARD & PAUL. T-4 made certain false representations as to his educational qualifications, and through the use of T-2's name attempted to obtain certain favors in military circles, which were not justified as based upon his educational qualifications. T-2 and T-3 both related that their ultimate conviction that something was wrong in the firm of WARD & PAUL was the result of their receiving a telephone call one evening from the roommate of their daughter, who had left the domicile of her parents because of her inability to adjust herself to parental discipline, to the effect that a note had been left upon the roommate's dresser to the effect that she, the daughter, was leaving and depending upon the roommate to pay the rent; that she hoped to obtain a position and, if so, would pay the delinquent rent and redeem her clothes, and if she was not successful, she would not be seen again. The roommate became worried and called the parents. As a result of a telephone call to the firm of WARD & PAUL, and other attempts to obtain information as to the whereabouts of their daughter, T-2 and T-3 became convinced that this firm was engaged in some nefarious operations which required deceit. When the daughter was located, she was found in a room at the Burlington Hotel in a drugged condition and, according to T-2, it appeared to him that she had been using drugs for sometime. Shortly thereafter, the daughter announced that she was being transferred to Jackson, Mississippi to undertake certain reporting activities for the firm. It is believed by the informants that she was accompanied by Mr. WARD, Jr. of the firm, who remained in Jackson with the daughter until a short time ago, when he returned to Washington, D. C. It is believed that the daughter presently is in Jackson and is, reportedly, now married to T-4 who was, as previously indicated, a member of the firm. As further evidence of the fact that they believe other members of this firm are addicted to the use of narcotics, T-2 and T-3 related an incident wherein one member of the firm, Mr. PLEVIN, reported to be one of the office managers, left sheep and goats fenced in at his place which he owned in the country with dogs, the dogs without food. Ultimately, the dogs became

so hungry that they ate the sheep and goats. Quite a scandal was created in the neighborhood by this most unusual conduct. The matter received publicity, which was immediately hushed up. T-2 further advised that it was believed Mr. WARD has a brother on Capitol Hill who is very influential, and who has used his influence on a number of occasions to quiet unfavorable publicity and comment relative to the firm of WARD & PAUL.

CREDIT

A review of The Credit Bureau report of JESSE L. WARD, Sr., 1940 Biltmore Street, N. W., Apartment 61, with business address, 1706 L Street, N. W., revealed the following information. The report is dated April 15, 1941.

Under date of April, 1940, WARD opened an account of $83 for clothing, and at the time of this report still owed $77.00, and is listed as very slow.

He, at one time, received credit from a bank of $1,030, but the credit has since been cancelled there.

Under date of July, 1937 he had an account of $450 at a tailor shop, still owing at the date of this report $150, and listed as very slow.

His highest credit in automobile supplies under date of January, 1940 had been $169.06, on which there was no balance due, his credit being designated as "o.k.".

The report reveals that a seed account was declined in 1941. Also a department store account, with highest credit of $173.72, payable at the rate of $75 per month, dated December, 1939, and further credit was refused under date of July, 1940, although no balance exists on this account.

A music account was opened May 14, 1934, the highest credit being $1,275. There is no balance due, but he is listed as very slow. This purchase was made on $300 cash, and payments of $175 per month.

A jewelry account was opened August, 1934, highest credit being $250, and he is listed as very, very slow, balance due being $6.72.

Men's furnishing account was opened June, 1938, highest credit being $52.85. Under date of August 30, 1936 they had charged an account of $29.85 to Mr. WARD, later designating it in the reports as being charged off to profit and loss.

A department store account, opened in 1935, was sued on May 10, 1938, for merchandise in the sum of $153.46, with judgment for the plaintiff under date of June 21, 1938. This judgment was paid in full August 1, 1939. The report shows no hotel, gas, or oil accounts, but under date of February 28, 1933, the local telephone company placed an account of $28.24 for collection and this was paid.

Court Actions

Under date of December 8, 1937, EFFIE M. BROWN commenced action against JESSE L. WARD, Earle Building, for an account of $200. Judgment for the plaintiff under date of February 9, 1937. This was difficulty over termination of a lease.

Under date of May 14, 1936 there was a clothing store account against JESSE L. WARD, Sr., 1940 Biltmore Street, N. W., for merchandise of $52.85, judgment being rendered for the plaintiff for that sum on June 5, 1936.

Under date of September 26, 1939, Dr. WILLIAM C. MELOY against JESSE L. and MABEL B. WARD, 1940 Biltmore Street, N. W., on an account of $15 which was settled March 19, 1940.

Under date of April 4, 1941 the Ace Electric Supply Company against JESSE LEE WARD, 1940 Biltmore Street, N. W., sued for merchandise $30.75. No result was shown of this action.

Under date of May 10, 1938, FLOYD E. DAVIS Company, Inc., against JESSE L. WARD, Sr., and Jr., 1706 L Street, and 1940 Biltmore Street, rent due $47.20, attorney, JAMES A. CROOKS. No outcome designated.

Under date of May 19, 1939, Dr. T. A. GROOVER, against JESSE LEE WARD, Earle Building, on an account of $100, attorney, IVAN HEIDEMAN. No outcome designated.

Under date of February 14, 1930, First National Bank of Meridian, Mississippi, versus JESSE L. WARD, c/o the Atlantic Life Insurance Company, Southern Building, on a note for $300. Judgment for the plaintiff, April, 1, 1933 for $300 and $30 attorney's fees. No outcome designated.

Under date of July 26, 1932, Chestnut Farms Dairy versus JESSE L. WARD, Sr., and Jr., 1801 Columbia Road, N. W., for merchandise in the sum of $29.03. Judgment entered for the plaintiff and against JESSE L. WARD, Sr., on August 15, 1932. Result was not designated.

The report reveals that deed of trust dated June 4, 1940 signed by JESSE L. WARD, MABEL B. WARD to GEO. H. LAMSON, Trustee to secure HARRY LAMSON, for $2,270, monthly payments, 6% interest to maturity.

The report reveals that Mr. JESSE L. WARD, Sr., is white, married, his wife's name being MABEL B. WARD, and that he has resided

for about ten years at 1940 Biltmore Street, N. W., paying rent of $90 per month to the Real Estate Mortgage and Guaranty Company, satisfactorily but slowly. Prior to this he lived at 1625 16th Street, N. W., and for six to eight months at 2311 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., and also at 219 East Capitol Street. He is connected with Ward and Paul Shorthand Reporters, 1706 L Street, N. W., and the Electreporter, 1706 L Street, N. W.; the latter company was chartered under the Delaware Laws in 1935, and Mr. WARD at the date of this report had just completed his term as president. The other partners in these two firms are a Mr. ALFRED C. PAUL and Mr. PREVIN. The Electreporter does all the electric recording work on hearings and has contracts with the Interstate Commerce Commission, and the Photographic Communications Commission, employing about thirty persons. The company has been very successful and is looked upon as being one of the best of its kind in this city. Mr. WARD is believed to derive a very good income from this source.

CREDIT

A review of The Credit Bureau, 1221 G Street, N. W., report of ALFRED C. PAUL, dated February 13, 1940 revealed the following information:

He was residing at Bradley Boulevard, #3, Bradley Hills, Maryland. In report dated February 13, 1934 his residence was designated as 910 Noyes Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland. He was approximately forty-five years of age, according to the report of February 13, 1940, white, and married to GERTRUDE W. PAUL, and had been residing at the Bradley Hills residence since December 1, 1938, and is buying the property. He previously had lived at 3500 14th Street, N. W., for three years, and prior to that had lived at Falkstone Courts, 1448 Park Road, N. W. He is engaged as a shorthand reporter and as a partner in the firm of Ward and Paul, with offices at 1706 L Street, N. W. Mr. PAUL also is reported to be the sole owner of the Monument Electric and Music Company, 8402 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland, having entered into this business under date of March, 1934, as a partner of CHARLES M. FARRELL, operating slot machines, pin ball machines, et cetera, until August 3, 1935, when this business was declared illegal. Mr. PAUL then took over the business himself and continues to operate the same, possibly selling various musical instruments and electrical supplies. His brother, HERBERT F. PAUL, is supervisor and manager, and they employ five men on a permanent basis. This business seems to be operated on a profitable basis.

Court Actions

Under date of January 18, 1937, Simon Distributing Company against ALFRED C. PAUL, trading as Monument Electric and Music Company, 8402 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland, for merchandise in amount of $220.08. No information available.

Accounts

Seed account under date of March, 1939, of $156.13, which is the largest charge account, with entry listed as "o.k.". One other account with a department store of $126.35, on which nothing is owed. The credit is listed as "o.k."

There are seven other small accounts of less than $70, and in every instance there is shown a very good or "o.k." classification of the accounts.

CREDIT

A review of The Credit Bureau, 1221 G Street, N. W., report of Ward and Paul, 643-644 Earle Building, 501 13th Street, N. W., dated February 13, 1934 revealed the following information:

This is a partnership between JESSE L. WARD, Sr., and ALFRED C. PAUL, which was formed in January, 1932. They are shorthand reporters and are reported to do considerable government work, such as tariff hearings, tax cases, and also court cases.

Mr. JESSE L. WARD, Sr., at the date of this report was between 50-55 years of age, married and residing at 1940 Biltmore Street, N. W., renting an apartment. He was formerly an agent for Guardian Life Insurance Company for four or five years, and formerly was secretary to Senator PAT HARRISON, of Mississippi.

Mr. ALFRED C. PAUL, at the time of this report was between 35-40 years of age, married, and residing at 510 Noyes, Silver Spring Spring, Maryland, where he owns the property. He was formerly employed by F. E. Moore Reporting Company, Earle Building, and averaged about $7,000 per annum. Prior to that he was employed by Hart and Dice and Carlson, Colorado Building. Prior to that he was secretary to a congressman from West Virginia.

The report reveals that credit of this firm is satisfactory if Mr. PAUL's endorsement is thereon.

CREDIT

The files of The Credit Bureau, 1221 G Street, N. W., were searched against the name "Electreporter Company, Inc." 1706 L Street, N. W., which appears to be a sort of subsidiary of WARD & PAUL, Shorthand Reporters, and seems to be owned and operated by Messrs JESSE L. WARD, ALFRED C. PAUL and ARTHUR G. PREVIN, with negative results.

CREDIT

A review of The Credit Bureau, 1221 G Street, N. W., report of ARTHUR G. PREVIN, Park Lane Apartments, 308, 21st and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W., dated June 4, 1941 revealed the following information:

Mr. PREVIN is about forty-five years of age and is married to RUTH PREVIN. His wife is unemployed. He has resided at this address three or four years, as of the date of this report, and is renting an apartment at $60 per month from Randall H. Hagner. They are regarded as very satisfactory tenants, and formerly lived in Apartment 701 at this same address. Originally Mr. PREVIN came from New York.

He is employed as a reporter with Ward and Paul Shorthand Reporters, office at 13th and E Streets, N. W., at a salary reported as good. He is supposed to have a farm in Upper Marlboro, Maryland, but this has not been verified, except that a deed running from THERESA SMITH, dated August 2, 1940 to RUTH M. PREVIN, conveying eleven acres of land for eight acres of land in Piscateway District, Prince George County, with the deed of trust of the amount from RUTH M. and ARTHUR G. PREVIN to RAYMOND D. EVANS, et al, $6,000 securing THERESA SMITH, conveying nineteen acres on the road from Piscateway District, to Upper Marlboro.

The report shows nothing derogatory.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent T. H. MORGAN:

CRIMINAL

The files of the Traffic Bureau, Metropolitan Police Department, reflected one traffic violation on Mr. WARD's part on August 25, 1938. This violation was driving an automobile 38 miles per hour, for which he was fined $5.00.

The files of the Criminal Identification Division reflected two violations on the part of JESSIE WARD and JESSIE LEE WARD. JESSIE WARD was arrested on September 14, 1935, by Officer W. E. BRENNAN of the 3rd Precinct of the Metropolitan Police Department for being drunk. He forfeited $10.00 for this violation. His occupation was reflected as that of a reporter. His age at that time was 47.

JESSIE LEE WARD was arrested on December 4, 1926, by Officer JAMES T. HOWARD of the 3rd Precinct on the complaint that he had not paid his board bill. This case was nolle prossed. His age at that time was 40.

The files of the Identification Division failed to reflect any personal record of the above person and it was not possible to readily ascertain whether or not the above JESSIE WARD is the same as the one under investigation. However, the ages tie in more or less with the age of the person being investigated. Further, the files of the 3rd Precinct could not be readily checked for the purpose of determining whether or not the above persons arrested were the same as the person under investigation.

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MAURICE R. O'CONNOR	INFORMATION CONCERNING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: O'CONNOR employed by Smoot Sand and Gravel Company as accountant for fourteen years prior to 1939 when he left at request of management. C. H. GRAY, Chief Trial Attorney, Corporation Counsel, states O'CONNOR satisfactory in every respect and maintains the high standards enjoyed by firm of Hart and Dice by whom he is employed. CHARLES E. STEWARD, clerk, U. S. District Court, has observed O'CONNOR for past three years and advises he does good work, is well regarded, and that his loyalty and patriotism are unquestioned. O'CONNOR not well known in neighborhood, is quiet and reportedly went to Pearl Harbor with Justice ROBERTS Committee as a typist. Credit report reflects O'CONNOR sued four times and credit rated as unsatisfactory. O'CONNOR married and has five children. His wife is employed by War Department. No traffic or criminal record, Washington, D. C.

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REFERENCE: Telephone call from Supervisor GEORGE BURTON of the Bureau to Special Agent in Charge, S. K. McKEE on July 4, 1942 at 4:00 p. m.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent D. B. BRYAN.

Honorable CHESTER H. GRAY, Chief Trial Attorney, Corporation Counsel, residence address 6420 31st Street, Northwest, advised that his connection with the cases in which he had participated on behalf of the Corporation Counsel, he has had occasion to observe M. R. O'CONNOR, shorthand reporter for the firm of Hart and Dice. According to Mr. GRAY he knew of nothing derogatory concerning the behavoir of this individual. He stated that his courtroom reporting was satisfactory in every respect and that he maintained the highest standards enjoyed by the firm which he represented. He stated that the courtroom conduct of O'CONNOR was satisfactory.

Inspector JOSEPH W. SHIMON, United States Attorney's Office, residence address, 3230 South Glebe Road, Arlington, Virginia, and Honorable NATHAN CAYTON, 2948 Macomb Street, Northwest, advised that they did not recall having observed M. R. O'CONNOR reporting the trial of a case.

Mr. CHARLES E. STEWART, Chief Clerk, U. S. District Court, 1629 Columbia Road, telephone Columbia 1528, telephonically advised Special Agent JACK V. CURLIN the following information:

He stated that he had become acquainted with Mr. M. R. O'CONNOR, an employee of the Hart and Dice Shorthand Reporting firm, during the last three years and that O'CONNOR'S work as a court reporter had been consistently efficient and accurately done. He further stated that O'CONNOR maintained a good reputation among the court reporters in the District of Columbia and was known to be a man whose loyalty and patriotism to this country are unquestioned.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent C. S. MAYFIELD, JR.

Mr. GREGOR McPHERSON, Official Reporter of Debates, United States Senate, advised that he did not know MAURICE R. O'CONNOR well but that he knew Mr. O'CONNOR to be very highly thought of in the office of Hart and Dice where Mr. O'CONNOR is a typist.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent T. H. MORGAN:

MR. JOHN J. O'LEARY, Chief Clerk, United States Attorney's Office, advised that he did not know MR. M. R. O'CONNOR.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. H. TIBBALS under the name of M. R. O'CONNOR.

Mr. RICHMOND B. KEECH, Mr. LEO A. ROVER, Mr. JAMES C. WILKES, and Mr. CHARLES B. MURRAY were contacted, and they stated that they were not acquainted with M. R. O'CONNOR.

NEIGHBORHOOD

MAURICE R. O'CONNOR

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent C. S. MAYFIELD.

Mrs. A. C. DYKES, 1619 E Street, S. E., apparently a rather intelligent woman, advised that she is the air raid sector warden for her block and that it was her duty to take a census of all homes in her sector. She advised that in performing such duty, she had come to know Mrs. MAURICE R. O'CONNOR well and through her had learned quite a bit concerning MAURICE R. O'CONNOR. Mrs. DYKES stated that few people in the neighborhood knew the O'CONNORS inasmuch as Mrs. O'CONNOR worked at the War Department and Mr. O'CONNOR was frequently away on trips and was at work most of the time during his stays in Washington. Mrs. DYKES further stated that Mrs. O'CONNOR had told her that her husband was a confidential typist and transcribed the notes of shorthand reporters who had reported confidential proceedings. Mrs. DYKES said that Mrs. O'CONNOR had told her that Mr. O'CONNOR had been to Pearl Harbor as confidential typist to the shorthand reporters of the Justice Roberts' Committee. According to Mrs. DYKES, the O'CONNORS are very solid respectable people and are rather close-mouthed concerning Mr. O'CONNOR's activities. Mrs. DYKES knew of no derogatory information concerning either Mr. O'CONNOR or Mrs. O'CONNOR.

CREDIT

A review of the files of The Credit Bureau, 1221 G Street, N. W., revealed a report dated April 8, 1942, concerning M. R. O'CONNOR, setting forth the following information:

This file is in the name of Mrs. MAURICE R. O'CONNOR, 1625 E Street, S. E., and discloses that Mr. M. R. O'CONNOR has been sued by Thompson's Dairy, Griffith-Consumers Company, LEONARD ABRAMS and JOSEPH KAY, with records of judgments for the dairy, $34.71, and for the Consumers Company, $48.61. The latter two suits were for $35.00 for merchandise and $100.00 on a note, respectively, and there is no record as to the outcome of either.

Mr. O'CONNOR has a wife, employed by the War Department, and five (5) dependent children. He is employed by HART & DICE and was formerly employed by Smoot Sand and Gravel Company as an accountant for fourteen (14) years, which position he left August 25, 1939, upon the request of the management who declined further information in this regard.

This file notes subject's credit as "Unsatisfactory".

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent T. H. MORGAN:

CRIMINAL

The files of the Traffic Bureau and the Criminal Identification Division of the Metropolitan Police Department failed to reflect any record on O'CONNOR.

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
MR. & MRS. JAMES CHESTER WILFONG	INFORMATION CONCERNING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Mr. and Mrs. WILFONG described as capable, trustworthy, of excellent character and entirely loyal. Credit record satisfactory. No criminal record.

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REFERENCE: Telephone call from Supervisor GEORGE BURTON of the Bureau to Special Agent S. K. McKEE on July 4, 1942, at 4:00 P. M.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent D. B. BRYAN.

Inspector JOSEPH W. SHIMON, United States Attorney's Office, residence address, 3230 South Glebe Road, Arlington, Virginia, stated that he had frequently observed J. CHESTER WILFONG, member of the reporting firm of Hart and Dice, engaged in shorthand reporting in the trial of court cases. According to the Inspector this reporter was a most capable professional man conducting himself properly in the courtroom and experiencing no difficulty in the proper and accurate recording of the testimony given. He further stated that he had no reason to question the loyalty or patriotism of WILFONG and that the reputation of this individual was above reproach in the legal profession.

Honorable NATHAN CAYTON, 2948 Macomb Street, Northwest, upon being interviewed advised that he knew J. CHESTER WILFONG and understood that he enjoyed an excellent professional reputation as a shorthand reporter. He further advised that Mr. WILFONG had exhibited no un-American tendencies to his knowledge and that his courtroom conduct was excellent.

Honorable CHESTER H. GRAY, Chief Trial Attorney, Corporation Counsel, residence address, 6420 31st Street, Northwest, stated that during eight years active experience before the Bar he had observed J. CHESTER WILFONG reporting proceedings in court, that he had always been impressed by the extraordinary ability of this reporter as well as the efficiency exhibited by the other members of the Hart and Dice firm. It was concluded by Mr. GRAY that he did not question the loyalty or patriotism of this individual and considered him to be in every respect in the front ranks of his profession.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent D. B. BRYAN.

Inspector JOSEPH W. SHIMON, United States Attorney's Office, residence address, 3230 South Glebe Road, Arlington, Virginia, Honorable NATHAN CAYTON, 2948 Macomb Street, Northwest, and Honorable CHESTER H. GRAY, Chief Trial Attorney, Corporation Counsel, residence address 6420 31st Street, Northwest, upon being interviewed advised that neither could recall having observed Mrs. J. CHESTER WILPONG participating in the reporting of a proceeding in court.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. H. TIBBALS under the name J. CHESTER WILFONG.

Mr. JAMES C. WILKES, attorney at law, advised he was acquainted with J. CHESTER WILFONG and considered him a very fine type of person. He stated he could recommend him as a reporter of unusual capabilities, with good judgment, of sound character, and a person whose loyalty and patriotism had never been questioned.

Mr. CHARLES B. MURRAY stated he had been acquainted with CHESTER WILFONG for many years. He stated that, without any question, Mr. WILFONG may be recommended as a thoroughly reliable person in all respects.

Mr. RICHMOND B. KEECH, Corporation Counsel, and Mr. LEO A. ROVER, attorney at law, were contacted but were not acquainted with Mr. J. CHESTER WILFONG.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. H. TIBBALS under the name of Mrs. J. CHESTER WILFONG.

Mr. RICHMOND B. KEECH, Mr. LEO A. ROVER, Mr. JAMES C. WILKES, and Mr. CHARLES B. MURRAY were contacted, but stated they were not acquainted with Mrs. J. CHESTER WILFONG.

Mr. MURRAY, however, stated that he certainly felt that, as the wife of CHESTER WILFONG, she could not be otherwise than a thoroughly reputable person.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent C. S. MAYFIELD, JR.

Mr. JOHN D. RHODES, Official Reporter of Debates, United States Senate, advised that he was well acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. J. CHESTER WILFONG and that Mr. WILFONG was a shorthand reporter of the highest caliber while Mrs. WILFONG was excellent at typing her husband's reporting. Mr. RHODES stated that, in his opinion, Mr. and Mrs. WILFONG were exceptionally trustworthy and were very fine people who could be relied upon to keep any information entrusted to them in strictest confidence.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent C. S. MAYFIELD, JR.

Mr. FLOYD WORDEN, Official Reporter of Debates, United States Senate, stated that he was well acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. J. CHESTER WILFONG and that he knew them to be very fine people whom he could recommend without the slightest qualification for the most confidential of assignments.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent C. S. MAYFIELD, JR.

Mr. FRED A. CARLSON, Official Reporter of Debates, United States Senate, stated that he knew J. CHESTER WILFONG and his wife, Mrs. J. CHESTER WILFONG, intimately and regarded them as among the finest people he had ever known. He stated that he would trust either of them with any secrets or property of his and would never have any concern over either of them doing anything wrong or even questionable. Mr. CARLSON was outspoken in his recommendation of Mr. and Mrs. WILFONG and believed that they could be trusted to do an excellent job in reporting the most confidential of information.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent C. S. MAYFIELD, JR.

Mr. GREGOR McPHERSON, Official Reporter of Debates, United States Senate, advised that he was well acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. J. CHESTER WILFONG and that they were excellent people, extremely reliable and conscientious in their work, and should be placed near the top of the list of names of persons in their profession.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent T. H. MORGAN:

MR. JOHN J. O'LEARY, Chief Clerk, United States Attorney's Office, advised that he was not acquainted with MR. WILFONG, even by name.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent T. H. MORGAN:

MR. JOHN J. O'LEARY, Chief Clerk, United States Attorney's Office, advised that he is not familiar with MRS. J. CHESTER WILFONG, even by name.

ALLEN KRAUSE, Assistant U. S. Attorney, 4th and Indiana Avenue, N. W., telephone Georgia-2074, telephonically advised Special Agent JACK V. CURLIN the following information:

He advised that he has been acquainted with J. CHESTER WILFONG, a shorthand court reporter connected with the firm of Hart and Dice, for the past ten years and that during his association with WILFONG in trials in the courts of the District of Columbia, he had found him to be an unbiased reporter whose work was always efficiently done and whose reliability and integrity had always been above reproach. He advised that from his association with WILFONG he had found him to be a man of good character and reputation among their mutual associates and that he at no time had reason to question his loyalty and patriotism to this country.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. G. MACDONALD.

Mr. JOHN C. CONLIFF, Assistant United States Attorney, advised that he knew Mr. J. CHESTER WILFONG had been with the firm of Hart and Dice for approximately ten years and that he was very capable and very reliable and was a very good court reporter. He stated that he knew nothing at all in regard to Mrs. WILFONG but believed that she assisted Mr. WILFONG. He stated that it was his opinion that Mr. WILFONG actually took the stenographic notes and would then dictate his notes into a dictaphone machine, which cylinders would then be transcribed by Mrs. WILFONG.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent T. H. MORGAN:

CRIMINAL

The files of the Traffic Bureau and the Criminal Identification Division of the Metropolitan Police Department failed to reflect any record on Mrs. WILFONG.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent T. H. MORGAN:

CRIMINAL

The files of the Traffic Bureau and the Criminal Identification Division of the Metropolitan Police Department failed to reflect any record on WILFONG.

CREDIT

A review of the files of The Credit Bureau, 1221 G Street, N. W., revealed a report dated August 12, 1938, concerning Mr. JAMES CHESTER WILFONG, setting forth the following information:

Subject is about forty-five (45) to fifty (50) years of age; is married to ETHEL M. WILFONG and has resided at 225 - 17th Street, N. E., since 1929. He owns the property at that address, which is assessed at $5,444. Subject has been in the shorthand reporting business for twelve (12) years and is reported to do a good volume of business, which brings in an excellent income. He was formerly employed for ten (10) years by Smith and Hulse, 1742 K Street, N. W., at a salary of $5,500. per annum. He does most of his work for Hart and Dice, and is assisted at his office by his wife, who was formerly employed by LUCIUS FRIEDLI, shorthand reporter, Fendall Building. Subject has a daughter employed as a stenographer in the Agriculture Department, and a son employed by the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, 725 - 13th Street, N. W.

The file showed a satisfactory credit rating and disclosed no derogatory information.

CREDIT

A review of the files of The Credit Bureau, 1221 G Street, N. W., revealed a report dated August 12, 1938, concerning Mrs. JAMES CHESTER WILFONG, 225 - 17th Street, N. E., setting forth the following information:

This report is carried in the name of Mr. JAMES CHESTER WILFONG and wife, ETHEL M. She is reported to assist husband in his offices at 206 Columbian Building. She was formerly employed by LUCIUS FRIEDLI, shorthand reporters, Fendall Building, off and on for ten (10) years, as a dictaphone operator at a good salary.

Her husband is reported to have an excellent income and a fine business as a Court Reporter. They have a daughter employed as a stenographer in the Department of Agriculture and a son employed by the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, 725 - 13th Street, N. W.

This file reflects a satisfactory credit rating and does not show any derogatory information.

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
GEORGE L. HART EDWIN DICE	INFORMATION CONCERNING.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: GEORGE L. HART and EDWIN DICE both recommended highly as to integrity, character, loyalty and patriotism. Numerous individuals contacted regard the firm as one of the most reliable in the country. Credit of both HART and DICE good. One traffic violation for HART, three for DICE. No criminal record for either HART or DICE at Metropolitan Police Department.

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REFERENCE: Telephone call from Supervisor GEORGE BURTON of the Bureau to Special Agent in Charge S. K. McKEE on July 4, 1942 at 4 P. M.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. H. TIBBALS under the names of GEORGE L. HART and EDWIN DICE:

RICHMOND B. KEECH, Corporation Counsel for the District of Columbia was well acquainted with both members of the firm and considers them absolutely honest, reliable and 100% American, and would have no hesitation about trusting them in all respects. He further stated that he considers the persons they employ are uniformly of good character and caliber.

Mr. LEO A. ROVER, 1300 Quincy Street, N.W., advised that he was well acquainted with GEORGE L. HART and EDWIN DICE, members of the firm of Hart and Dice, Court Reporters, and that he considers them an excellent firm of reporters. He stated they were of good character, dependable; that their work was excellent; that he had never had any reason whatever to question their loyalty or patriotism. He stated that a former employee and member of the firm, Mr. CARLSON, also was a very fine reported, and was presently employed by the United States Senate as a court reporter. Mr. ROVER said he felt he could make an unqualified recommendation as to Messrs. HART and DICE.

Mr. JAMES C. WILKES advised that he was very well acquainted with Mr. HART and Mr. DICE; that he could recommend them as 100% in all respects. He stated that both HART and DICE have had years of court reporting experience; that he believes Mr. HART has not actively reporting for some years, but that Mr. DICE is still an excellent reporter. He stated it was formerly the firm of HART, DICE and CARLSON, and that CARLSON was now employed by the United States Senate as a special committee reporter.

Mr. CHARLES B. MURRAY, Assistant United States Attorney, stated that he has had contact with the firm for many years. He stated he had no reason whatever to doubt the loyalty or patriotism of HART or DICE, and that he could presently recommend them as being absolutely excellent reporters of good character, dependable, and efficient, and he stated that there was no question but that they would observe the confidential nature of any information coming into their possession and retain it as such. He stated that their business with the United States Attorney's office has always been handled in the most businesslike manner, and that he personally felt that if it were necessary for the United States Attorney's office to have reporters of special qualifications, they could not do better than to employ HART and DICE.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent JACK CURLIN:

Mr. ALLEN KRAUSE, Assistant United States Attorney, 4th and Indiana Avenue, N. W., telephone Georgia-2074, telephonically advised that he had been acquainted with EDWIN DICE for the past fifteen years and that DICE is a co-owner of the Hart and Dice Shorthand Reporting Firm and that in this regard he has been associated with Dice at various trials upon which both were working. He revealed that DICE, through the firm Hart and Dice, had built a enviable business reputation and that the firm was known to be efficiently operated and comprised of reliable and exacting employees. With regard to DICE'S personal characteristics, KRAUSE stated that he had found him to be a man of good character background and that he had at no time had reason to question his loyalty or patriotism to this country.

Mr. CHARLES E. STEWART, Chief Clerk, U. S. District Court House, 1629 Columbia Road, telephone Columbia-1528, telephonically advised Special Agent JACK V. CURLIN the following information:

He stated that Mr. EDWIN DICE, a partner of GEORGE L. HART, in the Hart and Dice Shorthand Reporting Firm, is known within the court reporting circles to be a man of ability and efficiency in court reporting and to be a man who is capable of warranting the confidence entrusted to him. STEWART said that DICE has a good business reputation and is known to bear an envisble personal reputation. Further, that he is loyal and patriotic to this country and at no time has made statements that could be classified as un-American.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent T. H. MORGAN:

MR. JOHN J. O'LEARY, Chief Clerk, United States Attorney's Office, advised that he was acquainted with MR. DICE by name only. He stated that each year the District Attorney's Office sends out bids to all the Court Reporters in the city and that this was the manner in which he became acquainted with MR. DICE by name. He stated, however, that he was not personally acquainted with DICE.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent D. B. BRYAN.

Inspector JOSEPH W. SHIMON, United States Attorney's Office, residence address, 3230 South Glebe Road, Arlington, Virginia, stated that he did not recall having ever observed EDWARD DICE, member of the firm of Hart and Dice having ever participated in the recording of a case in court.

Honorable NATHAN CAYTON, 2948 Macomb Street, Northwest, stated that he likewise had not seen EDWARD DICE actually reporting a case in court nor had he heard of his having done so in recent years.

Honorable CHESTER H. GRAY, Chief Trial Attorney, Corporation Counsel, residence address, 6420 31st Street, Northwest, advised that it was his opinion that occasionally EDWARD DICE would appear in the courtroom and actually participate in reporting testimony of the proceedings for the firm of which he is a member, Hart and Dice. According to Mr. GRAY, DICE enjoys an enviable reputation as a most efficient, competent and able court reporter who conducts himself at all times in a complementary manner.

Mr. ALLEN KRAUSE, Assistant United States Attorney, 4th and Indiana Avenue, N. W., telephone, Georgia-2074, advised that he had been personally acquainted with GEORGE L. HART for the past fifteen years and that his acquaintance began and had continued through the years that he had been employed as an Assistant U. S. Attorney and HART as a co-owner of Hart and Dice Shorthand Reporting Firm, in which HART has acted as a court reporter. KRAUSE disclosed that HART has developed a good reputation through the efficient management of his business and is known within the courts here to be both a competent court reporter and to have under his supervision a group of reliable and efficient reporters. He revealed that HART through his firm has done extensive contract work with the U. S. District Court, District of Columbia, and that coupled with his enviable business reputation he is known to be a man of good personal character and reputation and to be a man whose loyalty and patriotism are unquestioned.

Mr. CHARLES E. STEWART, Chief Clerk, U. S. District Court House, 1629 Columbia Road, telephone Columbia-1528, telephonically advised Special Agent JACK V. CURLIN the following information:

He stated that GEORGE L. HART with whom he had been acquainted for the past three years is a co-owner of Hart and Dice Shorthand Reporting firm which in the past at various times has been under contract with the U. S. District Court to handle all recorded reporting work. He advised that GEORGE L. HART was known to be a man who directed an efficiently operated organization and who personally is a man of good reputation, habits and morals; a man who is loyal and patriotic in every respect.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent T. H. MORGAN:

MR. JOHN J. O'LEARY, Chief Clerk, United States Attorney's Office, advised that he was not acquainted with MR. HART. He stated that his name was familiar but that this was due to the fact that each year the District Attorney's Office sends out bids to all the Court Reporters in the city and that this was the way he came to know him by name.

Mr. JOHN C. CONLIFF, Assistant United States Attorney, advised that he was formerly the Chief Clerk from 1933 to 1941 and during that time he had dealings with the firm of Hart and Dice. He advised that he was very favorably impressed by the firm, that they were scrupulously honest in regard to their bills and that he has never heard any derogatory information in regard to any of their work or any of their employees. He states that it seems to be the general consensus of opinion of the other Assistant United States Attorneys that this firm was extremely reliable and competent and that all their employees were very high grade. He also stated that one reason that this firm was well liked was that their office was directly across the street and if, during the course of a trial, it became necessary to obtain a reporter on a moment's notice, they could obtain a reporter within a five minute period. He also stated that at one time during a special Grand Jury investigation, it was his duty to visit the office of Hart and Dice to determine whether there would be any possibility of confidential information being obtained unofficially. He stated that at that time, Mr. LLOYD HARKINS, office manager, showed him that some of the work was taken on dictaphones and that immediately after it was transcribed, the dictaphone records were shaved in order to be re-used, and the dictaphone cylinders which were not transcribed were locked in a safe over night. Mr. CONLIFF stated that he thought from his experience and knowledge of the employees and also their manner of doing business there would be no possibility of any confidential information being disclosed.

Mr. CONLIFF also stated that the employees of the firm of Hart and Dice always took their notes by shorthand whereas he knows that some of the employees of Ward and Paul used the stenotype method of recording. He also stated that one of the judges objected to the stenotype method because of the slight clicking noise which annoyed him at the time he would be giving instructions to the jury. He also stated that he believed the firm of Hart and Dice obtained a higher type of reporter inasmuch as they generally paid a higher salary.

Mr. ALLEN KRAUSE, Assistant United States Attorney, 4th and Indiana Streets, N. W., whose telephone number is Georgia-2074, telephonically advised that the Hart and Dice Shorthand Recording Firm, was comprised of GEORGE L. HART and EDWIN DICE, plus a group of approximately ten shorthand reporters and that the firm made a business of contracting with the United States and District of Columbia Government Administrations to do court reporting. He stated that to his knowledge, the firm has been in business for the past fifteen years at least, and that for a period of five years prior to July 1, 1941, the firm had a contract with the United States District Court of the District of Columbia to do all reporting work there. He disclosed that in connection with his work with the firm he had found it to be made up of efficient reporters whose reliability and honesty were above reproach and had found the firm had efficiently reported testimony given in trials. He revealed that both HART and DICE, as individuals bore enviable reputations and were well known in the court circles here.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent D. B. BRYAN.

Inspector JOSEPH W. SHIMON, United States Attorney's Office, Residence address 3230 South Glebe Road, Arlington, Virginia, stated that he had observed many members of the stenographic firm and court reporting firm known as Hart and Dice. According to the Inspector this firm which is located at 416 5th Street, Northwest, enjoys an excellent reputation. He further related that the United States Attorney's Office had occasion to use the court reporters from this firm in most of their court action, both criminal and civil. In the opinion of Mr. SHIMON there is no firm in Washington that enjoys the enviable reputation as that of Hart and Dice.

Honorable NATHAN CAYTON, 2948 Macomb Street, Northwest, stated that the firm of Hart and Dice enjoyed an excellent reputation among the Bench and Bar of the District of Columbia. He related that this firm was spoken of in the highest terms and that on numerous occasions he had heard most complementary remarks concerning the efficient services rendered by Hart and Dice.

Honorable CHESTER H. GRAY, Chief Trial Lawyer, Corporation Counsel, residence address, 6420 31st Street, Northwest, spoke in the highest terms of the reporting firm of Hart and Dice. According to Mr. GRAY the Corporation Counsel uses exclusively reporters from this firm to report cases in which they are interested. He advised that up until a few years ago, the exact date he could not remember, it had been the practice of the Corporation Counsel to request that bids be submitted by court reporters and other reporting firms but that this practice had not proved satisfactory and services of the court reporters which had been supplied by the firm of Hart and Dice had been found superbly satisfactory. The policy of the Corporation Counsel was changed and this firm has been retained by contract to report Corporation Counsel cases according to Mr. GRAY. The practice is that when the Corporation Counsel requires the services of a court reporter the firm of Hart and Dice is contacted and advised of the necessity of having a reporter to try a particular case in a specified court. Upon the date of the trial a reporter from the firm of Hart and Dice is always present and he further stated that it was customary for the reporter to be relieved at approximately 45-minute intervals. It was his understanding that the reporter thus relieved would retire from the court room, dictate to a dictaphone the testimony which he had recorded in shorthand. Furthermore it was the opinion of Mr. GRAY that the testimony was typed from the dictaphone records by clerical help in the office of Hart and Dice. This was explained as being the practice for the reason that the court reporters were exceptionally well compensated for their services and were not required to transcribe their notes. According to Mr. GRAY the Corporation Counsel, and he is an individual practicing with the Corporation Counsel, had always found the services rendered by the reporting firm of Hart and Dice to be the very best. He advised that he considered the work of this

firm to be 99.9 per cent accurate, that they exhibited a cooperative attitude at all times and would always furnish a transcript of the testimony taken during the trial of a case the night following the day on which the testimony was given in court. He further stated that the members of the firm of Hart and Dice possessed an excellent courtroom demeanor and never to his knowledge had any reporter from this firm requested a witness to stop giving testimony in order to properly record same. Mr. GRAY did state, however, that the chief aim of the court reporter was absolute accuracy. In reporting the proceedings of a trial and in the event a witness failed to enunciate properly or spoke in a tone not easily understood the reporter would invariably stop the proceeding in order that an accurate record be made of the trial. No member of the firm which he had observed reporting experienced any difficulty in reporting any witness regardless of the speed with which the witness spoke. Mr. CHESTER H. GRAY concluded by advising that he knew of no better court reporter to be found any where nor could he imagine any more satisfactory service being rendered than that given by the reporting firm of Hart and Dice.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. G. MACDONALD.

Mr. MIKE CARNEY, United States Marshal, advised that he has very few dealings with the firm of Hart and Dice other than the fact that he signs the voucher for their work. He stated, however, that he has a very high regard for their ability, which opinion he stated is formed by remarks he hears at his office. He stated that he had never heard anything derogatory regarding the firm or any of the employees and he has always heard that they were a very reliable and competent firm.

Mr. CARNEY stated that from what he knows and has heard, he believes that the firm of Hart and Dice is the best known and most reliable firm of court reporters. He stated he knew nothing derogatory about the firm of Ward and Paul but at the same time had heard less about them.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. G. MACDONALD.

Mr. EDWARD CURRAN, United States Attorney, advised that he had very little personal knowledge in regard to the firm of Hart and Dice or Ward and Paul. He stated, however, that it was his impression gathered from remarks made by the Assistant United States Attorneys that the firm of Hart and Dice was the more reliable, more competent and better qualified. He stated that he had no definite information to base these remarks upon.

Mr. MILTON D. KORMAN, 1445 Otis Place, N. W., Assistant Corporation Consul, District of Columbia gave the following information to Special Agent JACK V. CURLIN:

He advised that the firm Hart and Dice is a local court reporting agency which during the last ten or fifteen years has been engaged at various times under contract to the United States District Courts for the purpose of reporting testimony given in trial. He stated that generally, the firm was of enviable reputation and that they were generally accepted as the most efficient organization performing court reporting duties in the city. He concluded by disclosing that Hart and Dice performed the bulk of the work in the District of Columbia courts and that he had at no time learned of unreliability or a betrayal of confidences on its part.

Mr. CHARLES E. STEWART, Chief Clerk, U. S. District Court, 1629 Columbia Road, telephone Columbia-1528, telephonically advised Special Agent JACK V. CURLIN the following information:

He advised that the court reporting firm of Hart and Dice prior to July, 1941, had been under contract to the U. S. District Court, bearing the responsibility of reporting trials conducted in these courts and that from the discussions held with regard to this firm he had never heard anything derogatory and had learned that it bears the reputation of being an efficient reporting organization.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent D. B. BRYAN.

Inspector JOSEPH W. SHIMON, United States Attorney's Office, Residence address, 3230 South Glebe Road, Arlington, Virginia, advised that he does not recall having observed GEORGE L. HART, member of the firm of Hart and Dice, reporting a case in court and consequently could express no opinion concerning the courtroom conduct or efficiency in reporting of this individual.

Honorable NATHAN CAYTON, 2948 Macomb Street, Northwest, advised that he did not remember ever having observed GEORGE L. HART, member of the firm of Hart and Dice, having actually participated in the reporting of a case in court. He therefore was not in a position to give an opinion as to the reporting ability of this individual.

Honorable CHESTER H. GRAY, Chief Trial Attorney, Corporation Counsel, residence address, 6420 31st Street, Northwest, related that during his eight years of practice as chief trial lawyer, engaged in the trial of important damage suits, he did not recall the firm member, GEORGE L. HART, having personally appeared as a reporter in a case.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent C. S. MAYFIELD, JR.

Mr. FRED A. CARLSON, Official Reporter of Debates, United States Senate, stated that he was well acquainted with the firm of Hart and Dice, 416 - 5th Street, N. W., and had at one time been a member of the firm. Mr. CARLSON stated frankly that he was prejudiced in favor of that firm, which he considered to be one of the finest in the country. He stated that the firm was exceptionally careful in the selection of personnel and was very firm with its rules in regard to conduct of employees. He stated that no one was allowed to work for Hart and Dice who used alcoholic beverages at any time in any quantity. Mr. CARLSON advised that he thought any of the personnel of this firm could be regarded as of good character and reliability.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent C. S. MAYFIELD, JR.

Mr. GREGOR McPHERSON, Official Reporter of Debates, United States Senate, advised that he knew of the reputation of the firm of Hart and Dice and that it was one of the finest in the country. He stated that he believed any of the personnel of this firm could be trusted with confidential information.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent C. S. MAYFIELD, JR.

Mr. FLOYD WORDEN, Official Reporter of Debates, United States Senate, advised that he was acquainted with the firm of Hart and Dice and that without question it was one of the finest firms of its kind in the country. He further stated that the men in the employ of this firm were among the best in the business and that he felt sure that the firm's personnel as a whole could be relied upon implicitly.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent C. S. MAYFIELD, JR.

Mr. JOHN D. RHODES, Official Reporter of Debates, United States Senate, advised that the firm of Hart and Dice was the best in the United States and could be relied upon implicitly.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent C. S. MAYFIELD, JR.

Mr. FLOYD WORDEN, Official Reporter of Debates, United States Senate, advised that he knew Mr. HART of the firm of Hart and Dice and that he was an exceptionally fine man and was reliable in all respects.

CREDIT

A review of the files of The Credit Bureau, 1221 G Street, N. W., revealed a report dated February 2, 1942, concerning Mr. GEORGE L. HART, setting forth the following information:

Subject is about fifty (50) to fifty-five (55) years of age; is married and his wife is dependent. He has lived at 3901 Jenifer Street, Chevy Chase, since December, 1926, and owns property at that address which is assessed at $13,650. He is a senior partner in the law reporting firm of Hart & Dice, which has a good reputation and does considerable work for the Department of Justice. He is well regarded by all and is said to be a man of means.

This file showed credit as satisfactory and disclosed no derogatory information.

CREDIT

A review of the Credit Bureau, 1221 G Street, N. W., report of EDWIN DICE, 4314 Argyle Place, N. W., dated August 16, 1939, revealed the following information:

DICE's largest charge account was $195 for furniture, as of December 19, 1935, and was payable at $13.50 per month; also an account of $83.48, opened in July, 1937 and to be paid in February, 1940. At the date of this report this account was paid.

The report revealed four other small accounts of which all were paid prior to the expiration date. It was revealed that his bank account is satisfactory; that Mr. DICE is about fifty-five years of age, white, married, and has a wife dependent; that he lived at the above address since December, 1925, buying the property. He formerly resided for six years at 1219 Jackson Street, N. E. His wife is unemployed. Mr. DICE is a member and a shorthand reporter of the Law Reporting Firm of Hart and Dice, 301-307, Columbia Building, and does reporting for courts, the senate, and general law.

The report shows nothing derogatory.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent T. H. MORGAN:

CRIMINAL

The files of the Traffic Bureau of the Metropolitan Police Department reflected one traffic violation on the part of Mr. HART. This violation was overtime parking on January 6, 1937, and he elected to forfeit $5 for same.

The files of the Criminal Identification Division failed to reflect a record on Mr. HART.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent T. H. MORGAN:

CRIMINAL

The files of the Traffic Bureau of the Metropolitan Police Department reflected three traffic violations on the part of DICE. On August 23, 1932, he parked overtime, no disposition being recorded; on June 20, 1934, he parked in a restricted zone and paid a fine of $3.00; and on May 27, 1938, he parked in a public space, no disposition being recorded.

The files of the Criminal Identification Division failed to reflect any criminal record on DICE.

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
NICHOLAS J. CINCIOTTA	INFORMATION CONCERNING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: CINCIOTTA'S acquaintances recommend him highly as to ability, character, reputation, loyalty and patriotism. Credit rating satisfactory. Three traffic violations. No criminal record.

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REFERENCE: Telephone call from Supervisor GEORGE BURTON of the Bureau to Special Agent in Charge McKEE on July 4, 1942 at 4 P. M.

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent D. B. BRYAN.

Inspector JOSEPH W. SHIMON, United States Attorney's Office, residence address 3230 South Glebe Road, Arlington, Virginia, stated that in connection with his duties as investigator for the United States Attorney's Office, he had observed NICHOLAS J. CINCIOTTA, shorthand reporter for the firm of Hart and Dice and that in his opinion he was a most capable and efficient reporter. He advised he recalled one occasion which this individual reported for the District Attorney's Office which consumed eight or ten days of actual trial and that he did an excellent job in reporting the evidence given during the course of this trial. He advised that CINCIOTTA was loyal and patriotic insofar as he knew and that his conduct in the court room was above reproach.

Honorable NATHAN CAYTON, 2948 Macomb Street, Northwest, upon being interviewed stated that he could not recall having ever observed NICHOLAS J. CINCIOTTA reporting a case in the Small Claims Court over which he presided until recently.

Honorable CHESTER H. GRAY, Chief Trial Attorney, Corporation Counsel, residence address 6420 31st Street, Northwest, related in connection with his many years of practice in connection with the trial of cases in which the Corporation Counsel was interested, he had observed the court reporting of NICHOLAS J. CINCIOTTA. He further stated that this reporter was a most capable and efficient man and his services rendered in this capacity had always been most acceptable. He further related that the conduct of CINCIOTTA was always proper in the courtroom and he had no reason to doubt his loyalty to the United States.

Mr. ALLEN KRAUSE, Assistant U. S. Attorney, 4th and Indiana Avenue, N. W., telephone Georgia-2074, advised Special Agent JACK V. CURLIN the following information:

He stated that he has been acquainted with NICHOLAS J. CINCIOTTA for the past five years, who during this period has been employed as a court reporter for the firm of Hart and Dice. Mr. KRAUSE stated that with regard to the trials which CINCIOTTA has had the responsibility of reporting, that he has efficiently and ably performed duties; that he has been known to be reliable with regard to confidences entrusted in him and has been a man who has consistently maintained a good personal reputation. Mr. KRAUSE disclosed that he had at no time had reason to question the loyalty and patriotism of CINCIOTTA.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent C. S. MAYFIELD, JR.

Mr. FLOYD WORDEN, Official Reporter of Debates, United States Senate, advised that he had a very high opinion of Mr. NICHOLAS J. CINCIOTTA and could recommend him without qualification for the most confidential type of work.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent C. S. MAYFIELD, JR.

Mr. GREGOR McPHERSON, Official Reporter of Debates, United States Senate, advised that he was well acquainted with Mr. NICHOLAS J. CINCIOTTA and that while Mr. CINCIOTTA had not been engaged in the business of court reporting for any great length of time, still he could be relied upon implicitly. Mr. McPHERSON recommended Mr. CINCIOTTA without qualification.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent C. S. MAYFIELD, JR.

Mr. JOHN D. RHODES, Official Reporter of Debates, United States Senate, stated that he knew Mr. NICHOLAS J. CINCIOTTA well and believed him to be all right in all respects. However, Mr. RHODES stated that he did not know Mr. CINCIOTTA's background and would therefore refuse to say one way or the other in regard to recommending him for work of a confidential nature.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent C. S. MAYFIELD, JR.

Mr. FRED A. CARLSON, Official Reporter of Debates, United States Senate, stated that he knew NICHOLAS J. CINCIOTTA slightly and believed him to be a very quiet man of high character. Mr. CARLSON advised that while he did not know personally that Mr. CINCIOTTA could be trusted without reservation, he felt that the fact that he was employed by Hart and Dice and was highly regarded by the profession in general indicated that he was to be trusted with any sort of confidential information.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent T. H. MORGAN:

MR. JOHN J. O'LEARY, Chief Clerk, United States Attorney's Office, advised that he was not acquainted with NICHOLAS J. CINCIOTTA and that furthermore, his name was not even familiar to him.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. H. TIBBALS under the name of NICHOLAS CINCIOTTA.

Mr. RICHMOND B. KEECH, Mr. LEO A. ROVER, Mr. JAMES C. WILKES, and Mr. CHARLES B. MURRAY were contacted, but all stated they were not acquainted with Mr. NICHOLAS CINCIOTTA.

CREDIT

A review of the files of The Credit Bureau, 1221 G Street, N. W., revealed a report dated September 30, 1941, concerning NICHOLAS J. CINCIATTA, setting forth the following information:

This file is carried in the name of subject's wife, Mrs. LA VERNE O. CINCIATTA, who has a satisfactory credit rating and is employed by Civil Aeronautics Authority as assistant clerk-stenographer (probationary) at $1,620. per annum.

Mr. NICHOLAS J. CINCIATTA resides at 1656 U Street, S. E., is twenty-eight (28) years of age; has his own business as Court Reporter, at 416 - 5th Street, N. W. He was formerly employed by Hart & Dice and by HERBERT S. MIDDLEMISS, both of whom recommend subject highly as to his ability and reliability.

The file disclosed no derogatory information concerning subject or his wife.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent T. H. MORGAN:

CRIMINAL

The files of the Traffic Bureau of the Metropolitan Police Department reflected three traffic violations on the part of CINCIOTTA. On November 12, 1934, he parked in a restricted zone and was fined $3.00; on January 6, 1937, he parked less than ten feet from a fire plug and was fined $5.00; and on May 4, 1939, he passed a red light and was fined $10.00.

The files of the Criminal Identification Division failed to reflect any record on CINCIOTTA.

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
LLOYD L. HARKINS	INFORMATION CONCERNING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: LLOYD L. HARKINS is about 54 years of age, married and resides and owns the property at 2807 Key Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia. His first wife, GLADYS M., committed suicide October 22, 1932, and his present wife is named DOROTHY. HARKINS is office manager and reporter for the firm of Hart and Dice and was one of the reporters on Justice ROBERTS' Commission which investigated the bombing of Pearl Harbor. He is regarded as competent, reliable, capable and loyal American. Credit record satisfactory. Three traffic violations in D. C. No criminal record.

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REFERENCE: Telephone call from Supervisor GEORGE BURTON to Special Agent in Charge S. K. McKEE on July 4, 1942, at 4 P. M.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent D. B. BRYAN.

Inspector JOSEPH W. SHIMON, United States Attorney's Office, residence address, 3230 South Glebe Road, Arlington, Virginia, described LLOYD L. HARKINS, shorthand reporter of the firm of Hart and Dice as being a most efficient and capable reporter. According to SHIMON he had observed HARKINS engaged in the reporting of many cases in which the United States Attorney's Office was interested and recalled that the court demeanor of HARKINS was always proper and complementary. He advised that he knew of no reason to question the loyalty or patriotism of this reporter and further stated he could not recall ever having seen HARKINS interrupt a proceeding in court in order to request a witness to repeat his testimony. He reflected, however, that his observation of HARKINS had been confined to his observation of him in the courtroom in the recording of the testimony and that he did not know of anything in connection with his personal life nor did he know of his ability or speed in transcribing his notes as the completed reports were customarily forwarded to the United States Attorney's Office upon completion and he consequently could not express any opinion as to whether or not HARKINS did this report nor the amount of time to transcribe the notes. He did relate, however, that the reports did not need any corrections.

Honorable NATHAN CAYTON, 2948 Macomb Street, Northwest, stated he could not recall having observed LLOYD L. HARKINS reporting a case in court. He explained that it was not customary for any attorney appearing before the court over which he presided until recently (that is Small Claims Court of the District of Columbia) to employ the service of a shorthand reporter.

Honorable CHESTER H. GRAY, Chief Trial Attorney, Corporation Counsel, residence address, 6420 31st Street, Northwest, advised that it was his opinion that Mr. LLOYD L. HARKINS was office manager for the reporting firm of Hart and Dice. He further related that he had observed this individual participating in the reporting of court proceedings and from his observation he stated that he considered Mr. HARKINS to be highly efficient and standing at the top of his profession. He related that in a conversation had with Mr. HARKINS he was advised by him that he had accompanied the Roberts Committee in their trip to Honolulu, Hawaii and had reported on behalf of the firm of Hart and Dice, the investigation conducted by the commission appointed by the President of the United States to investigate the attack made by Japanese armed forces upon the territory of Hawaii on December 7, 1941. He concluded by stating that the services of Mr. LLOYD L. HARKINS, in the capacity of shorthand court reporting were acceptable in every respect. According to Mr. GRAY he had no reason to question the loyalty or patriotism of this reporter and considered him a most capable and able man in his profession.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. H. TIBBALS under the name of LLOYD L. HARKINS.

Mr. JAMES C. WILKES stated that Mr. LLOYD L. HARKINS was the office manager of the firm of HART and DICE, Court Reporters. He stated he was not well acquainted with Mr. HARKINS but considered him a capable man.

Mr. LEO A. ROVER, attorney at law, advised that he was quite well acquainted with Mr. LLOYD L. HARKINS and considered him to be a man of excellent reputation, dependable, honest, and a man of very good sound judgment. He stated he had no reason whatever to question the loyalty or patriotism of Mr. HARKINS.

Mr. CHARLES B.MURRAY, Assistant United States Attorney, advised that he had had dealings over a period of years with Mr. LLOYD L. HARKINS, and during this period of time he had found Mr. HARKINS to be an excellent business manager, thoroughly reliable, and would have no question whatever as to Mr. HARKINS' loyalty to the United States Government.

Mr. RICHMOND B.KEECH, Corporation Counsel, stated he was not personally acquainted with Mr. LLOYD L. HARKINS.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. G. MACDONALD.

Mr. JOHN C. CONLIFF, Assistant United States Attorney, advised that he had known LLOYD HARKINS for a period of approximately fifteen years. He had known him in both a business way and also had met him on quite a few occasions at the Shoreham Hotel. He stated that he is a very high type of person, does not associate with the usual type of person found along 5th Street, where the offices of Hart and Dice are located, and that he is very reliable and very conscientious. He stated that Mr. HARKINS is the office manager for Hart and Dice and he is the one who presented all the bills and with whom all official contacts were made. Mr. CONLIFF stated that indicative of his character and ability to keep information confidential is the fact that shortly after the first of the year, he saw Mr. HARKINS and remarked to him that he must have been on a vacation as he had an excellent suntan. HARKINS stated that he had been in Pearl Harbor with the Justice Roberts Committee investigating Pearl Harbor. CONLIFF then asked him a few questions about what he had seen or what he knew and Mr. HARKINS said that he was placed under oath of secrecy and could not say anything at all and immediately dropped the subject.

Mr. ALLEN KRAUSE, Assistant U. S. Attorney, 4th and Indiana Avenue, N. W., telepnone Georgia-2074, telephonically advised Special Agent JACK V. CURLIN the following information:

Mr. KRAUSE has been acquainted with LLOYD L. HARKINS for the past ten years and that HARKINS has been employed during this time as the office manager for the Hart & Dice Shorthand Reporting Firm. He advised that with regard to HARKINS' work he is known through the court circles in the District of Columbia to be an energetic court reporter who is thoroughly reliable and trusted and who has had a wide experience in this work. Specifically, KRAUSE disclosed that HARKINS was selected to accompany the Investigation Board of Supreme Court Justice ROBERTS to Hawaii to report upon the Board's hearings and findings with respect to the Pearl Harbor incident of December 7, 1941. KRAUSE stated that HARKINS had strictly kept the confidential information entrusted to him at that time to himself and had continually refused to reveal any information concerning the conditions at Pearl Harbor at the time he was there with the Board.

He further stated that HARKINS was a man of good personal reputation whose character, habits and morals were uncriticized and that he sincerely believed HARKINS to be loyal and patriotic to this country.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. G. MACDONALD.

Mr. EDWARD CURRAN, United States Attorney, advised that he was acquainted with LLOYD L. HARKINS of the firm of Hart and Dice and that he regards him as being thoroughly competent, reliable, capable and a loyal American. He stated that HARKINS was one of the reporters who went to Honolulu with Judge ROBERTS' commission and he believed that HARKINS must have been investigated and his ability known before he was asked to go on that mission.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent C. S. MAYFIELD, JR.

Mr. GREGOR McPHERSON, Official Reporter of Debates, United States Senate, advised that he was acquainted with LLOYD L. HARKINS and regarded him as among the top men in his profession. He stated that Mr. HARKINS had been with the firm of Hart and Dice since 1922, had an excellent record, and had reported the findings of the Justice ROBERTS Committee at Pearl Harbor. He further advised that Mr. HARKINS could be relied upon without the slightest reservation.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent C. S. MAYFIELD, JR.

Mr. FRED A. CARLSON, Official Reporter of Debates, United States Senate, advised that he had known LLOYD L. HARKINS well for a good many years. He stated that Mr. HARKINS is now a sort of partner in the firm of Hart and Dice and participated in the division of profits. Mr. HARKINS, according to Mr. CARLSON, was formerly office manager for the firm, has an excellent reputation, and was in charge of the reporting of the Justice ROBERTS investigation of Pearl Harbor. It was Mr. CARLSON's opinion that Mr. HARKINS could be relied upon to the fullest extent in any matter.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent C. S. MAYFIELD, JR.

Mr. FLOYD WORDEN, Official Reporter of Debates, United States Senate, advised that he knew LLOYD L. HARKINS personally and by reputation and that without question Mr. HARKINS was an exceptional shorthand reporter as to ability, reliability and all other respects. He advised that Mr. HARKINS is generally regarded as one of the best men in the field and can be trusted in all matters without reservation.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent C. S. MAYFIELD, JR.

Mr. JOHN D. RHODES, Official Reporter of Debates, United States Senate, advised that he was well acquainted with LLOYD L. HARKINS and that Mr. HARKINS was "tops" in his profession. Mr. RHODES indicated that he believed Mr. HARKINS had reported much of the testimony in the Teapot Dome hearings and had recently been in charge of reporting the findings of the Justice Roberts Committee at Pearl Harbor.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent T. H. MORGAN:

MR. JOHN J. O'LEARY, Chief Clerk, United States Attorney's Office, advised that he has known MR. HARKINS for about ten years. He stated that HARKINS is the Office Man for the reporting firm of Hart and Dice, and that he stays around the United States Attorney's office where he handles all of the office work for the above firm. O'LEARY advised that this is the manner in which he became acquainted with HARKINS and has known him ever since. He stated, however, that he has never had any social dealings with him. He advised that so far as he knows, HARKINS is a loyal and patriotic American, and is also a person of good character and reputation. He stated that HARKINS would be an efficient employee.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. G. MACDONALD.

Mr. MIKE CARNEY, United States Marshal, advised that he has had some dealings with LLOYD L. HARKINS, office manager for Hart and Dice, and he considers him to be a very competent, capable and accurate reporter. He stated that he had never heard anything derogatory about him and it is his understanding that HARKINS was one of the reporters on Judge ROBERTS' committee which investigated the bombing at Pearl Harbor.

CREDIT

A review of The Credit Bureau, 1221 G Street, N. W., report of LLOYD L. HARKINS, 2807 Key Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia, dated October 7, 1939, revealed the following information:

Mr. HARKINS is white, fifty-one years of age, married, and has resided at the above address since 1927, and is reported to own the property. This is his second marriage, and he is the widower of GLADYS M. HARKINS. GLADYS M. HARKINS committed suicide October 22, 1932 by inhaling gas. He formerly resided at #7 Baer Avenue, Cherrydale, Virginia for several years. Prior to this he resided at 4901 V Street, N. W., and in Alexandria, Virginia.

Mr. HARKINS is employed as Office Manager and reporter of Hart and Dice, 416 5th Street, N. W., and has been there since 1919. He is reported to receive a good salary.

His present wife is named DORIS HARKINS.

The report further revealed that under date of October 1, 1936, he opened a jewelry account of $15 and returned the merchandise on the 31st of October, 1936.

Another account reveals that his highest credit was $35.20; that he was slow at times.

A clothing account of $143, which is designated as "old", was at the time of this report almost paid, there being a balance of $5.50.

The report also revealed a department store account which had been opened for several years in the amount of $123.56, which at the time of this report was paid. Also a furniture account opened August 10, 1935 for $489.63, paid at $30 per month. This account was fully paid at the date of this report.

There are four other small accounts which show his credit to be satisfactory and from a credit of thirty to ninety days.

Under date of February 15, 1927 a local bank commenced action against LLOYD L. HARKINS, 416 5th Street and others on a note for $44.75, which the report shows to be paid in full.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent T. H. MORGAN:

CRIMINAL

The files of the Traffic Bureau of the Metropolitan Police Department reflected three traffic violations on the part of HARKINS. The first was on June 25, 1929, which was driving an automobile too fast (34 miles per hour), no disposition being reflected; on January 16, 1933, he passed a stop sign, no disposition reflected; and on December 11, 1934, he parked in a restricted zone and was warned but not fined.

The files of the Criminal Identification Division failed to reflect any criminal record on HARKINS.

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
FRANCIS J. ATTIG	INFORMATION CONCERNING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: All persons contacted consider Mr. ATTIG one of the foremost court reporters available in the United States today. Enjoys a good reputation, is of good character, no question as to patriotism and loyalty, and may be entrusted with any confidence. Credit report satisfactory. No police record.

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REFERENCE: Telephone Call from Supervisor GEORGE BURTON of the Bureau to Special Agent in Charge S. K. McKEE on July 4, 1942, at 4:00 P. M.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent D. B. BRYAN.

Inspector JOSEPH W. SHIMON, United States Attorney's Office, residence address 3230 South Glebe Road, Arlington, Virginia, advised that he had on numerous occasions observed FRANCIS J. ATTIG, shorthand reporter of the firm of Hart and Dice, engaged in the reporting of criminal trial cases. In the opinion of Mr. SHIMON, ATTIG was a excellent and able reporter, conducting himself properly in the courtroom and leaving no reason to question his loyalty or patriotism. He further related that ATTIG was one of the most capable and efficient reporters that he had ever observed and could not recall his ever having been required to stop a witness from testifying in order to catch up with his notes.

Honorable NATHAN CAYTON, 2948 Macomb Street, Northwest, advised that he did not recall having ever seen FRANCIS J. ATTIG report a case in his court before which the reporter seldom appeared.

Honorable CHESTER H. GRAY, Chief Trial Attorney, Corporation Counsel, residence 6420 31st Street, Northwest, stated that FRANCIS J. ATTIG had reported frequently on behalf of the reporting firm of Hart and Dice, the proceedings in the trial of cases in which he had participated for the Corporation Counsel. He related that from his observation of ATTIG and his work which he had reviewed, he considered him to be a most competent, able and efficient shorthand court reporter. He advised that he had no reason to doubt the loyalty to the United States of this individual and his court demeanor was always complementary.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent C. S. MAYFIELD, JR.

Mr. FLOYD WORDEN, Official Reporter of Debates, United States Senate, advised that he knew FRANCIS J. ATTIG by reputation and that Mr. ATTIG, who had been attached to the Justice Roberts Committee as a shorthand reporter, was generally regarded as one of the most reliable, able, and trustworthy men in his profession.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. G. MACDONALD.

Mr. JOHN C. CONLIFF, Assistant United States Attorney, advised that he knew FRANCIS J. ATTIG and knew that he worked for the firm of Hart and Dice and that his work has always been very satisfactory. He stated that he knew nothing in regard to his home life but also added that he had never heard anything derogatory in regard to him.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. G. MACDONALD.

Mr. MIKE CARNEY, United States Marshal, advised that he has known FRANCIS J. ATTIG for a period of three or four years and that he appears to be a very competent and reliable individual. He stated that he is positive that ATTIG would never disclose any confidential information and expressed it as, "He would not give you the time of day."

ALLEN KRAUSE, Assistant U. S. Attorney, 4th and Indiana Avenue, N. W., telephone Georgia-2073, telephonically advised Special Agent JACK V. CURLIN that he had been acquainted with FRANCIS J. ATTIG for approximately six years and that this acquaintance had come about due to ATTIG'S employment as a court reporter, connected with the firm of Hart and Dice which for a long period of time was under contract to the U. S. District Court of the District of Columbia. He stated that with regard to the employment of ATTIG that ATTIG was known to both him and to the persons associated together through the courts to be a man of ability and efficiency in his work and a man who maintained an enviable personal reputation. He concluded by advising that ATTIG, to his knowledge, at no time was connected with subversive organizations and is apparently loyal and patriotic to this country.

Mr. J. FRANCIS REILLY, 2440 Turnlaw, N. W., advised that he had been acquainted with FRANCIS J. ATTIG for approximately four years and that he first became acquainted with ATTIG in the Archdiocesean Holy Name Society which is a Catholic Men's organization of which ATTIG was secretary and REILLY was a member. REILLY stated that after orginally meeting ATTIG in this organization he became more closely acquainted with him in the courts of the District of Columbia where he was an attorney and ATTIG was a court reporter. He described ATTIG as being a capable and energetic reporter who maintained the reputation of being honest and reliable and advised that ATTIG was a man of good personal reputation and character and is a man who is sincerely loyal and patriotic to this country.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent C. S. MAYFIELD, JR.

Mr. JOHN D. RHODES, Official Reporter of Debates, United States Senate, advised that Mr. FRANCIS J. ATTIG, whom he knew well, was regarded generally as one of the foremost shorthand reporters in the country. He further stated that Mr. ATTIG's reputation was so outstanding that it seemed unnecessary to state that he could be trusted with the most secret matters.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent C. S. MAYFIELD, JR.

Mr. GREGOR McPHERSON, Official Reporter of Debates, United States Senate, advised that he knew FRANCIS J. ATTIG well and that Mr. ATTIG was one of the foremost shorthand reporters in the United States and could be relied upon without reservation. He advised that Mr. ATTIG had accompanied the Justice Roberts Committee to Pearl Harbor.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent C. S. MAYFIELD, JR.

Mr. FRED A. CARLSON, Official Reporter of Debates, United States Senate, stated that he knew FRANCIS J. ATTIG well and that he was a very fine man. Mr. CARLSON advised that although he himself was not a Catholic he knew that Mr. ATTIG had studied for the priesthood and Mr. CARLSON felt that this indicated excellent morals and character. Mr. CARLSON felt that Mr. ATTIG could be relied upon for any job of reporting, without any reservations.

Mr. RICHMOND B. KEECH, Corporation Counsel, Mr. LEO A. ROVER, Attorney At Law, Mr. JAMES C. WILKES, Attorney At. Law, and MR. CHARLES B. MURRAY, Assistant United States Attorney, were all contacted by Special Agent A. H. Tibbals, but stated that they did not know Mr. FRANCIS J. ATIG.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent T. H. MORGAN:

MR. JOHN J. O'LEARY, Chief Clerk, United States Attorney's Office, advised that he did not know MR. FRANCIS J. ATTIG.

CREDIT

A review of The Credit Bureau, 1221 G Street, N. W., report of FRANCIS J. ATTIG, 3039 Macomb Street, N. W., dated August 18, 1941, revealed the following information:

Mr. ATTIG is about thirty-one years of age, white, and married, residing at the above address since April, 1934, renting from H. L. Rust Company, paying $45 per month satisfactorily. He moved to Washington from 1303 Jacob Avenue, Wheeling, West Virginia, and is employed by Hart and Dice, 416 5th Street, as a reporter, having been so employed since October, 1935. He was formerly employed as a shorthand reporter, U. S. Middlemiss, from October, 1933.

The report reveals four accounts opened, the largest of which is $66.74, and all of them paid satisfactorily on the thirty of sixty day basis.

Credit Bureau Report, Wheeling, West Virginia, dated April 11, 1934 reveals that Mr. FRANCIS J. ATTIG, at that time was about twenty-eight years of age, having lived at Wheeling for a year, having moved there from New Brunswick, New Jersey. At Wheeling he was employed as a shorthand reporter for Ohio County Court. The report further reads, "A very good risk, conservative." The report further states that Mr. ATTIG is classed as an A-1 moral risk, and that his wife, formerly HELEN McCABE, bears a good personal reputation. This report reveals nothing derogatory.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent T. H. MORGAN:

CRIMINAL

The files of the Traffic Bureau and the Criminal Identification Division of the Metropolitan Police Department failed to reflect any record on ATTIG.

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
MRS. BEULAH BURNS	INFORMATION CONCERNING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Mrs. BURNS described as capable, reliable and a person who will keep confidential information entrusted to her. Mrs. BURNS arrested 7 times for traffic infractions from February, 1933, to March, 1937. Credit record satisfactory.

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REFERENCE: Telephone call from Supervisor GEORGE BURTON of the Bureau to Special Agent in Charge McKEE on July 4, 1942, at 4 P. M.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent D. B. BRYAN.

Honorable NATHAN CAYTON, 2948 Macomb Street, Northwest, advised that he was familiar with Mrs. BEULAH BURNS. According to Judge CAYTON, Mrs. BURNS enjoyed a good reputation as a shorthand reporter and according to the information which he had gathered from conversations with other judges and lawyers she was very able and efficient in the connection with the discharge of her duties.

Inspector JOSEPH W. SHIMON, United States Attorney's Office, residence address, 3230 South Glebe Road, Arlington, Virginia and Honorable CHESTER H. GRAY, Chief Trial Attorney, Corporation Counsel, residence address 6420 31st Street, Northwest, stated they could not recall this individual having ever reported the trial of a case.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent C. S. MAYFIELD, JR.

Mr. FRED A. CARLSON, Official Reporter of Debates, United States Senate, advised that he was acquainted with Mrs. BEULAH BURNS and had known her for a number of years. He stated that he regarded her as a very reliable person but perhaps not quite so outstanding a person as some of the other members of the firm of Hart and Dice.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent C. S. MAYFIELD, JR.

Mr. GREGOR McPHERSON, Official Reporter of Debates, United States Senate, advised that he had known Mrs. BEULAH BURNS for many years and that he knew her to be a fine woman who can be relied upon to keep confidential any information entrusted to her. Mr. McPHERSON stated that he could recommend Mrs. BURNS without qualification.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent C. S. MAYFIELD, JR.

Mr. JOHN D. RHODES, Official Reporter of Debates, United States Senate, advised that he had known Mrs. BEULAH BURNS for many years; that she was highly regarded in the firm of Hart and Dice; and that he could recommend her without question or qualification.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. H. TIBBALS under the name of Mrs. BEULAH BURNS.

Mr. RICHMOND B. KEECH, Mr. LEO A. ROVER, Mr. JAMES C.WILKES, and Mr. CHARLES B. MURRAY were contacted, and all stated they did not know Mrs. BEULAH BURNS.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent T. H. MORGAN:

MR. JOHN J. O'LEARY, Chief Clerk, United States Attorney's Office, advised that he did not know MRS. BEULAH BURNS.

CREDIT

A review of the files of The Credit Bureau, 1221 G Street, N. W., revealed a report dated October 15, 1936, concerning Mrs. BEULAH BURNS, 2726 Connecticut Avenue, No. 600, setting forth the following information:

Mrs. BURNS is a middle-age widow, who has resided at the above address as a very satisfactory tenant for more than three (3) years. She has formerly resided at 128 U Street, N. E., 200 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W., 300 F Street, N. W., No. 31, and South Maryland Courts, 300 Maryland Avenue, N. E. She is employed as a dictaphone operator by GEORGE RIEK, Shorthand Reporter, Columbian Building, at a reportedly good salary. She was formerly employed, off and on, for nine (9) years by HART, DICE & CARLSON, Shorthand Reporters, and prior to that was employed as a transcriber by CHARLES A. BROWN, 416 - 5th Street, N. W., and as secretary to the Manager of the Washington, Virginia Railroad Company.

She is well regarded personally, and her credit rating is satisfactory. The file disclosed no derogatory information.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent T. H. MORGAN:

CRIMINAL

The files of the Traffic Bureau of the Metropolitan Police Department reflected seven traffic violations on the part of Mrs. BURNS, covering a period from February, 1933, through March, 1937. The majority of these minor violations were overtime parking. She elected to forfeit from $2.00 to $5.00 in the various violations.

The files of the Criminal Identification Division failed to reflect any record for Mrs. BURNS.

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Lt. Col. JAGC, Asst. Exec.
Date:
28 JAN 1954

Colonel John M. Weir,
Executive Office,
Judge Advocate General's Office,
War Department.

Sir:

Below I give you the names of persons who will be assigned to the reporting staff in the case we discussed with you. This list includes the names of the two members of the firm who will supervise the work, the reporters who will take the stenographic notes, the typists who will do the typewriting, and the duplicating operator. They are as follows:

Jesse L. Ward, 55 years of age, born in Mississippi
Alfred C. Paul, 47 years of age, born in Wheeling, W. Va
Reporters:
Horace L. Webb, McLean, Va., Phone Oxford 97W3
formerly lived at 2632 or 2638 Orchard St., in Chicago, Ill., and employed by T.A.Copple there as reporter, for two years.
Chas. P. Armbruster, born at St. Louis, Mo., Oct 8,1894; graduate St.Louis University Law School; served as official reporter in Courts under Judge John W. Calhoun, also under Judge Arthur V. Lashly, St.Louis; for most of past ten years worked for Ward & Paul, Ethel B.Fisher and Dan'l W. Ross, contract reporters
Lawrence LaCharity, formerly lived at 8332 Crandon Ave, Chicago, Ill; worked for years with Floyd Worden, now on Official Reporters of Debates staff, U.S.Senate. LaCharity now lives at 5410 Harwood Rd, NW, Bethesda,Md. Phone OLiver 6378
Bernard C. Combs, 1435 B Street, SE, Washington, D.C., Phone Atlantic 0083, was 2nd Lieut US Army World War
Dictaphone Operators:
Wm.L.Creekmore, 1379 Potomac Ave,SE, Wash DC;Phone LIncoln 6302; born and raised in Georgia
Carl Lindsay, 1937 G St, NW, Phone MEtropolitan 6427.

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Lindsay has been with us off and on for ten yeare; served in Naval Intelligence Service, World War.

Duplicator:
Carl Huseman, 321 35th Street, NE; Phone Franklin 8818.

Respectfully submitted,

WARD & PAUL
By Jesse L. Ward

PS: Lanham Connor, of Dallas, Texas, nephew of Congressman Lanham of Texas will be used in event any of the reporters above-named should be unable to serve. Connor is now with us and has been for more than a year.

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
LAWRENCE LA CHARITY	INFORMATION CONCERNING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Neighborhood investigation reveals LA CHARITY not well known having come from Chicago about January 1, 1942. No derogatory information obtained. No District of Columbia police or credit record.

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REFERENCE: Telephone call from Supervisor GEORGE BURTON of the Bureau to Special Agent in Charge S. K. McKEE, July 4, 1942, at 4 P. M.

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Special Agent TIBBALS contacted RICHMOND B. KEECH, Corporation Consul, Mr. LEO A. ROVER, Attorney at Law, Mr. JAMES C. WILKES, and Mr. CHARLES B. MURRAY, Assistant U. S. Attorney, none of whom were acquainted with Mr. LA CHARITY.

It was ascertained that Mr. LA CHARITY resides at 5410 Hartwood Road, N. W., Bethesda, Maryland. Accordingly, a neighborhood investigation was conducted by Special Agent TIBBALS.

Mrs. ROBERT B. DALRYMPLE, 5408 Hartwood Road, N. W., stated that she and Mrs. LA CHARITY had visited over the back fence on several occasions during the course of gardening. She stated she was not otherwise acquainted with the family. She stated that Mr. and Mrs. LA CHARITY appeared to be a very nice, quiet couple. They stayed at home and were primarily interested in their garden and one little girl, age about six. Mrs. DALRYMPLE stated she considered one excellent quality of the LA CHARITYS was the fact that the little girl was well mannered, used beautiful English and was a generally well brought up child. She stated that she believed the LA CHARITYS came from Chicago. They purchased the home in which they are now residing from a man named CONNOR, real estate broker, Washington, D. C. She stated that so far as she had been able to observe, no one had called upon or visited the LA CHARITYS, they were very quiet and remained chiefly to themselves. She had never observed any unusual activities and she had never had any occasion to suspicion any subversive or un-American activities on the part of the LA CHARITYS.

At 5412 Hartwood Road, Mrs. PEARL McIVOR, advised that she had no opportunity to become acquainted with the LA CHARITYS as she was employed and only saw them occasionally in the evening when she was out in the yard. She stated that she had never been aware of any disturbance on the part of the LA CHARITYS and that they seemed to be very quiet and respectable neighbors.

Mrs. C. F. SUNKEL, 5411 Hartwood Road advised that she had observed the LA CHARITYS and had spoken to them across the street but was not well acquainted with them. She stated that she understood they came to Chicago and had moved into their home on the night of December 31, 1941. She stated that they had no opportunity to become better acquainted with the family other than to note that they had a very well behaved and sweet little girl. It was her observation that no un-American or subversive activities had been carried on during the period of the LACHARITYS residence on Hartwood Road.

Mr. DEUWARD M. TUNE, salesman for Mr. CONNOR, Real Estate Broker, advised that he had sold the house at 5410 Hartwood Road to the LA CHARITYS some time the latter part of October, 1941 or fore part of November. He stated that the LA CHARITYS did not move into the residence until sometime in December or January of 1941 as they were residing in Chicago and owned a home there which they wished to dispose of prior to moving to Washington, D. C. Mr. TUNE stated that they had paid $5400 down on the purchase price of the house and appeared to be thoroughly responsible and reliable people. He stated that he had understood from Mr. LA CHARITY that he was a court reporter of some kind. He further advised that the only time he had discussed Mr. LA CHARITY'S work with him was one evening when he observed LA CHARITY out in the yard and during the course of the conversation Mr. LA CHARITY mentioned he had occasion to report some of the alien hearings on the Japanese aliens and found it difficult work as it was hard to understand them and very hard to understand the Japanese spelling of the names. He said other than this he has never mentioned his employment. Mr. TUNE stated he had been in the neighborhood everyday since the LA CHARITYS have moved in the neighborhood, and he observed that they had a very lovely little girl, were primarily interested in their home, conducted themselves very properly and seemed to be altogether responsible and desirable people. He stated that he had never observed any conduct on any member of the family which would arouse his suspicions.

Mrs. H. W. LIBBEY, 5309 York Lane, stated that she had observed the LA CHARITYS in their yard on several occasions and had spoken with Mrs. LA CHARITY but was not acquainted with Mr. LA CHARITY. She stated the daughter of the LA CHARITYS played with their little girl frequently and she observed that the little girl was well mannered and she considered this a criterion of the general family behavior. Mrs. LIBBEY stated she had never observed any unusual or suspicious activities on the part of the LA CHARITYS and believed that they could be considered thoroughly reliable and responsible parties.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent T. H. MORGAN:

MR. JOHN J. O'LEARY, Chief Clerk, United States Attorney's Office, advised that he does not know MR. LAWRENCE LaCHARITY.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent T. H. MORGAN:

CRIMINAL

The files of the Traffic Bureau and the Criminal Identification Division of the Metropolitan Police Department were checked, with negative results.

CREDIT

The files of The Credit Bureau, 1221 G Street, N. W., were checked against the name of LAWRENCE LaCHARITY, 5410 Harwood Road, N. W., Bethesda, Maryland, with negative results.

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
CHARLES P. ARMBRUSTER	INFORMATION CONCERNING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Neighborhood investigation reflects that CHARLES P. ARMBRUSTER, formerly of St. Louis, Missouri, is congenially married, is of good character background, general reputation, habits and morals. Loyalty and patriotism unquestioned. Credit records indicate ARMBRUSTER approximately 50 years of age, married to LILLIAN ARMBRUSTER. In St. Louis was employed by B. E. FISHER and here since 1940 by WARD AND PAUL. He is capable employee and has favorable paying habits. No record of criminal violations.

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REFERENCE: Telephone call from Supervisor GEORGE BURTON to Special Agent in Charge McKEE on July 4, 1942, at 4 P. M.

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This neighborhood is in connection with the investigation of CHARLES P. ARMBRUSTER.

Mrs. GRACE R. KANE, Manager of Apartment Two Thousand Connecticut Avenue, N.W., advised that CHARLES P. ARMBRUSTER and his wife occupy apartment #411 at that address, and that they have resided there for approximately one year, having come to Washington from St. Louis, Missouri, where he was employed by the E. E. Fisher Association, Inc. She stated that during their residence they paid all financial obligations promptly, and that she had received no complaints with reference to the conduct of either CHARLES ARMBRUSTER or his wife. She further advised that they have no childred of the marriage, but a daughter of Mrs. ARMBRUSTER by a former marriage about eighteen years of age resides with the couple. According to the manager, she has had no occasion to question the loyalty or patriotism of Mr. ARMBRUSTER and referred to his profession as being shorthand reporting and understood that he was very proficient in this line. Mr. ARMBRUSTER and his wife were further described as being very nice, polite and sociable.

Mrs. IMA COST, switchboard operator, Apartment Two Thousand Connecticut Avenue, N. W., stated substantially the same information as was given by Mrs. KANE. In addition, she advised that Mr. and Mrs. ARMBRUSTER did not associate with many other residents of the apartment to her knowledge, except Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM BISHOP. She advised that the couple kept regular hours and were, apparently,normal Americans in every respect.

Mrs. WILLIAM BISHOP, apartment #612, Apartment Two Thousand Connecticut Avenue, N. W., upon being interviewed, advised that she and her husband who, at the time, is reporting a Court of Claims case in the mid-West, have known Mr.and Mrs. CHARLES P. ARMBRUSTER for approximately ten years. She stated that their friendship was initiated as a result of the professional work of her husband, who transcribes dictaphone records, and the profession of Mr. ARMBRUSTER, who is a shorthand court reporter. She advised that not only were they professional friends but very close social friends as well. According to Mrs. BISHOP, she knew of nothing derogatory concerning the conduct of either Mr. or Mrs. ARMBRUSTER. She further stated that the friends and associates of Mr. ARMBRUSTER were good American citizens and very nice people, and that she was certain that Mr. ARMBRUSTER was 100% American. She cited, as an example of his patriotism, his membership in the Speakers' Guild, that he purchases U. S. Savings Bonds, and that he has assisted in Red Cross work, the nature of which she did not know. She referred to Mr. ARMBRUSTER's personal appearance as being very complimentary; that his personal habits were excellent. She said that Mr. ARMBRUSTER, while residing in St. Louis, accumulated quite a fortune, which was lost during the depression, but that his attitude and general outlook on life do not seem to have been affected by his financial loss. She further described the couple as being very congenial and excellent associates.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent C. S. MAYFIELD, JR.

Mr. FLOYD WORDEN, Official Reporter of Debates, United States Senate, advised that he had met CHARLES P. ARMBRUSTER but that he knew him mainly by reputation and that Mr. ARMBRUSTER was generally regarded as an excellently qualified reporter of a high degree of reliability. Mr. WORDEN advised that Mr. ARMBRUSTER had been with the firm of Ward and Paul for about ten years and must have handled extremely confidential matters during that time.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent C. S. MAYFIELD, JR.

Mr. GREGOR McPHERSON, Official Reporter of Debates, United States Senate, advised that he was not personally acquainted with CHARLES P. ARMBRUSTER but that he knew his reputation was very good and that he is well regarded by people who know him.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent D. B. BRYAN.

Inspector JOSEPH W. SHIMON, United States Attorney's Office, residence address 3230 South Glebe Road, Arlington, Virginia, Honorable NATHAN CAYTON, 2948 Macomb Street, Northwest, Honorable CHESTER H. GRAY, Chief Trial Attorney, Corporation Counsel, residence address 6420 31st Street, Northwest, advised that they could not recall having observed CHARLES P. ARMBRUSTER ever reporting the proceedings of a trial and therefore could give no opinion with reference to his character, loyalty or shorthand ability.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent T. H. MORGAN:

MR. JOHN J. O'LEARY, Chief Clerk, United States Attorney's Office, advised that he does not know MR. CHARLES P. ARMBRUSTER.

Special Agent TIBBALS contacted RICHMOND B. KEECH, Corporation Consul, Mr. LEO A. ROVER, Attorney at Law, Mr. JAMES C. WILKES, and Mr. CHARLES B. MURRAY, Assistant U. S. Attorney, none of whom were acquainted with Mr. CHARLES P. ARMBRUSTER.

CREDIT

A review of the files of The Credit Bureau, 1221 G Street, N. W., revealed a report dated March 14, 1942, concerning CHARLES P. ARMBRUSTER, 2000 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., Apartment 411, setting forth the following information:

Subject is forty-five (45) to fifty (50) years of age, and is married to LILLIAN ARMBRUSTER. He has resided at the above address since March 1, 1941, and is regarded as an excellent tenant. He formerly resided at 1156 - 15th Street, N. W., New Colonial Hotel, for more than a year, as a very satisfactory guest. Prior to that, he resided at 3843 West Pine Street, St. Louis, Missouri. Subject is employed by WARD & PAUL, Shorthand Reporters, 1706 L Street, N. W., with estimated earnings of over $5,000. per year. Mr. PAUL stated subject is one of their best men. He was formerly employed by E. E. FISHER, 304 Albee Building, as a reporter in Washington for about fourteen (14) months but with Company in St. Louis, Missouri for about four (4) years.

This file indicates that subject is well regarded and has a satisfactory credit rating in both Washington and St. Louis, Missouri. The file disclosed no derogatory information.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent T. H. MORGAN:

CRIMINAL

The files of the Traffic Bureau and the Criminal Identification Division of the Metropolitan Police Department failed to reflect any record for ARMBRUSTER.

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
CARL LINDSEY	INFORMATION CONCERNING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Neighborhood investigation reveals that CARL LINDSEY, who came to Washington, D. C., October 19, 1941, from New York City, is man of quiet and reserved demeanor of satisfactory character, reputation and habits. However, LINDSEY frequents race tracks in vicinity of Washington, D. C. Is patriotic and loyal to this country. Check of credit records, results negative. No record of criminal violations.

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REFERENCE: Telephone call from Supervisor GEORGE BURTON of the Bureau to Special Agent in Charge S. K. McKEE, July 4, 1942, at 4:00 P. M.

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CARL LINDSEY:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent T. H. MORGAN:

Mr. JAMES H. PAYNE, night-room clerk, McAustin Hotel, 1927 G Street, N. W., advised that LINDSEY registered there on October 19, 1941, and has been residing there ever since. The hotel register reflected that he moved there from 1023 Church Street Annex, New York City. Mr. PAYNE advised that LINDSEY lives alone and gets letters every now and then from New York. He further advised that he has never seen anything out of the way on the part of LINDSEY and that he always seems conservative around the hotel, explaining that by the term conservative that LINDSEY never had anyone in his room and usually kept to himself. He further advised that he has never seen LINDSEY do anything or say anything which might indicate that he was against the United States in any respect and that as far as he knows he is a patriotic loyal American citizen. PAYNE further advised that the only thing that ever happened that might possiblyreflect on LINDSEY was that on one occasion LINDSEY went away for about three weeks and at LINDSEY'S consent, another person used his room. PAYNE advised that when LINDSEY came back, the fellow, HAROLD STEINMAN, 1760 Pennsylvania Avenue, did not want to give up the room. He advised, however, that there was no trouble caused as a result of this.

PAYNE further advised that he never saw anything on the part of LINDSEY which would reflect on his character and reputation. He stated that he is interested in his horses and that a great deal of his time was spent at various race tracks near Washington. PAYNE further advised that there had never been any trouble with LINDSEY as far as his rent was concerned.

Mr. WALTER L. THOMPSON, roomer, McAustin Hotel, a freight rate examiner with the General Accounting Office, advised that he had been living at the hotel since November, 1926. He stated, however, he did not know LINDSEY by sight. LINDSEY'S room is across and down the hall from THOMPSON'S. THOMPSON advised that he did not mix with the roomers as they were usually transcient guests. He advised that he was formerly with the Navy Department as a freight traffic senior transportation clerk. THOMPSON advised, however, that he had never heard any trouble or any racket coming from LINDSEY'S room and as far as he knew he was alright.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent D. B. BRYAN.

Inspector JOSEPH W. SHIMON, United States Attorney's Office, residence address 3230 South Glebe Road, Arlington, Virginia, Honorable NATHAN CAYTON, 2948 Macomb Street, Northwest, and Honorable CHESTER H. GRAY, Chief Trial Attorney, Corporation Counsel, residence address 6420 31st Street, Northwest advised that they could not recall having observed CARL LINDSEY ever reporting the proceedings of a trial and therefore could give no opinion with reference to his character, loyalty or shorthand ability.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent T. H. MORGAN:

MR. JOHN J. O'LEARY, Chief Clerk, United States Attorney's Office, advised that he does not know MR. CARL LINDSEY.

Special Agent TIBBALS contacted RICHMOND B. KEECH, Corporation Consul, LEO A. ROVER, Attorney at Law, JAMES C. WILKES, Attorney at Law, and CHARLES B. MURRAY, Assistant U. S. Attorney, none of whom were acquainted with CARL LINDSEY.

CREDIT

The files of The Credit Bureau, 1221 G Street, N. W., were checked against the name of CARL LINDSEY, 1927 G Street, N. W., with negative results.

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
BERNARD C. COMBS	INFORMATION CONCERNING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Neighborhood investigation disclosed that BERNARD C. COMBS, a resident at 1435 B Street, N. E., for the past fifteen years, is congenially married and is quiet, reserved man of good character, reputation and habits, whose loyalty and patriotism are unquestioned. Associates reveal that COMBS is competent Court reporter. Credit record unfavorable in that COMBS has been successfully sued upon occasions and has had uncollected accounts. No record of criminal or traffic violations.

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REFERENCE: Telephone call from Supervisor GEORGE BURTON of the Bureau to Special Agent S. K. McKEE on July 4, 1942 at 4:00 P. M.

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.:

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent T. H. MORGAN:

CRIMINAL

The files of the Traffic Bureau of the Metropolitan Police Department failed to reflect any record on LINDSEY.

However, the files of the Criminal Identification Division reflected that LINDSEY was fined $10.00 on August 25, 1918, for speeding in an automobile at the rate of 30 miles per hour.

CLOSED

NEIGHBORHOOD:

MR. and MRS. GEORGE FRANCIS HAUGH, 1441 B Street, N. E., advised that BERNARD C. COMBS had been residing at 1435 B Street, N. E., (not 1435 B Street, S. E.) for the past 17 years, and that prior to that time he resided two blocks down the street. They advised that COMBS, whose family consists of his wife, two daughters and a son, resides comfortably in his own home at the above address, and that he and his family live congenially together. The HAUGHS stated that MR. COMBS was employed, they believed, as a Patent Attorney or a Patent Attorney's Assistant at the District of Columbia Court House, and that it was their understanding that his work there was exceptionally outstanding. Also, that he was a Notary Public and notarized documents for various persons who called upon him at his home. The HAUGHS described COMBS as being a man who by nature is quiet and reserved; who, although friendly with his neighbors, does not visit with them but is readily available to help in any neighborhood project upon all occasions. Further, that COMBS seems closely attached to his family.

With regard to COMBS' personal characteristics, the HAUGHS revealed that he is a man of strict morals, a man who is extremely temperate in his habits, and a man who maintains an exceptional reputation in the neighborhood. They disclosed that he and his family were all members of St. Joseph's Church and each member made a practice of attending church regularly every Sunday morning. The HAUGHS concluded by saying that COMBS has had no affiliations with organizations which may be considered subversive; that he has never made statements which could be classified as un-American, and that he is a man who is extremely loyal and patriotic to this country.

MR. J. F. FITZGERALD, 1437 B Street, N. E., advised that he had been acquainted with BERNARD C. COMBS since 1923, at which time both of them moved into the neighborhood as new home owners. He stated that COMBS was employed as a Court Reporter in the District Court House since they have been acquainted, and FITZGERALD reported that COMBS is known to be one of the best men in the city in this line of work. He further revealed that COMBS owned his own home at 1435 B Street, N. E., and that his family lived congenially there. FITZGERALD described COMBS' family as consisting of his wife, who occupies her time as a housewife, two daughters who are employed by the United States Government, and a son, who is now vacationing from high school.

FITZGERALD revealed that COMBS and each individual member of his family are well-mannered and well-behaved persons whose general

demeanor reflected proper family background, and as persons whose reputation, habits and morals were uncriticized. He further stated that COMBS was a man who is intensely interested in the welfare of this country, and that his loyalty and patriotism are unquestioned.

MRS. L. M. LARAMORE, 1439 B Street, N. E., advised that she had been acquainted with BERNARD C. COMBS and his family for the past three years, and the information she had to give concerning his employment, his family and his general personal characteristics was substantially the same as has been heretofore stated. However, in accord with MR. and MRS. HAUGH and MR. FITZGERALD, MRS. LARAMORE advised that the character, reputation and habits of COMBS are well above reproach, and that he is loyal and patriotic to this country.

Mr. JOSEPH STEWART, clerk, U. S. Court of Appeals, 1610 Myrtle Street, N. W., telephone, Taylor 2180, advised Special Agent JACK V. CURLIN the following information:

He stated that BERNARD C. COMBS, who is now employed as a court reporter for the firm of Ward and Paul, Shorthand Reporters, has been engaged in court reporting for the past eight or nine years and that as a court reporter has built a reputation as being competent and efficient in his work and honest and reliable in the accuracy of his work. Further, he is a man of good morals whose character is above reproach and whose loyalty and patriotism to this country is unquestioned.

Special Agent TIBBALS contacted RICHMOND B. KEECH, Corporation Consul, LEO A. ROVER, Attorney at Law, JAMES C. WILKES, Attorney at Law, none of whom were acquainted with BERNARD C. COMBS.

Mr. CHARLES B. MURRAY, Assistant U. S. Attorney, advised he had known Mr. COMBS and found him to be a good reporter, close mouther, accurate and had never observed any conduct on the part of Mr. COMBS which would lead him to doubt his loyalty and patriotism.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent D. B. BRYAN.

Inspector JOSEPH W. SHIMON, United States Attorney's Office, residence address 3230 South Glebe Road, Arlington, Virginia, Honorable NATHAN CAYTON, 2948 Macomb Street, Northwest, and Honorable CHESTER H. GRAY, Chief Trial Attorney, Corporation Counsel, residence address 6420 31st Street, Northwest, advised that they could not recall having observed BERNARD C. COMBS, ever reporting the proceedings of a trial and therefore could give no opinion with reference to his character, loyalty or shorthand ability.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent T. H. MORGAN:

MR. JOHN J. O'LEARY, Chief Clerk, United States Attorney's Office, advised that he does not know MR. BERNARD C. COMBS.

CREDIT

A review of the files of The Credit Bureau, 1221 G Street, N. W., revealed a report dated February 17, 1937, concerning BERNARD C. COMBS, 1435 B Street, N. E., setting forth the following information:

Subject is forty-three (43) years of age, is marrked to IRENE C. COMBS, and has three (3) minor children. He has resided at the above address for fifteen (15) years, and is buying the property, which is assessed at $3,616. (A clipping contained in this file, dated May 2, 1938, reveals that this property was subjected to Trust Deed to secure a loan of $300.) Subject is employed by WARD & PAUL, earns at least $4,000. per annum and has been with that firm since January 1, 1937. He was formerly employed for two (2) years by SMITH & HULSE, Shorthand Reporters, and prior to that for nine (9) months by E. J. WATSON, Court Reporter. His standing is good with all employers and he is considered a reliable employee.

Mrs. COMBS is not employed.

This file reveals that subject has been successfully sued by Doctor W. T. DAVIS, for $15.00, and by the Local Garage, for $28.47. Several accounts have been turned over to The Credit Bureau for collection. Most of them were placed over ten (10) years ago but the latest was dated November 23, 1938. A men's store has a check made out to BERNARD C. COMBS for $98.50, signed by FLOYD E. MOORE, dated June 11, 1932, drawn on the Munsey Trust Company, which is presumably a pay check, and which was returned by the bank with the notation "Account closed" and check had not been made good on July 12, 1932.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent T. H. MORGAN:

CRIMINAL

The files of the Traffic Bureau and the Criminal Identification Division of the Metropolitan Police Department were checked, with negative results.

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
WILLIAM L. CREEKMORE	INFORMATION CONCERNING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Neighborhood investigation reflects CREEKMORE of good moral character, loyal and patriotic. Credit report reflects satisfactory credit and further that CREEKMORE highly regarded by employer. No police record.

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REFERENCE: Telephone call from Supervisor GEORGE BURTON of the Bureau to Special Agent in Charge S. K. McKEE on July 4, 1942, at 4:00 P. M.

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NEIGHBORHOOD:

MRS. MARYALICE FLINNER, 1381 Potomac Avenue, S. E., advised that WILLIAM L. CREEKMORE and his family have been residing at 1387 Potomac Avenue, S. E., for the past three years, and that she has been acquainted with them since that time as neighbors. She stated CREEKMORE came to Washington from the State of Georgia, where she believed he had been born and brought up, and that soon after coming here he was employed as a Court Reporter at the District Court House and has been constantly following this occupation since that time. She advised that he with his family, which consists of his mother, his wife and two children, a son and a daughter, live congenially together in this comfortable home which they rent, and that the family has an enviable reputation in the neighborhood.

MRS. FLINNER disclosed that CREEKMORE who is apparently successful in his occupation, is a friendly individual who possesses temperate habits and good morals, and advised that he is apparently of good character in that he leads a quiet and conservative life at home. She added that from her conversations with him she had found him to be interested in the present war situation for this country, interested in the present Administration, and necessarily loyal and patriotic to this country. MRS. FLINNER concluded by saying that MRS. CREEKMORE is employed in the Mary Robbins Shop, a women's store on Connecticut Avenue, and impresses her as being a woman who has had the benefit of an extended education and a good family background.

MRS. D. OSTOVICH, 1375 Potomac Avenue, S. E., advised that she had been living in this neighborhood for the past year, and that although during that time she had not become closely acquainted with WILLIAM L. CREEKMORE, she had a speaking acquaintance with him and his family and was familiar with their general reputation in the neighborhood. She stated that she had found MR. CREEKMORE to be a well-mannered man of good appearance and friendly personality who led a quiet and conservative life, and a man who was thoroughly congenial with his family; further, that he is of good habits and morals, reflected by the fact that the social functions of the CREEKMORE home are quiet and orderly, and she has never seen excessive use of intoxicants.

MRS. OSTOVICH revealed that she knew of no organizations of which CREEKMORE was a member; that she had heard no un-American statements made by him and believed him to be thoroughly loyal and patriotic to the United States.

MR. F. L. COFIELD, 1368 Potomac Avenue, S. E., advised that during the year he had been residing in this neighborhood he had become casually acquainted with WILLIAM L. CREEKMORE, although he had never been out with him socially and had never visited in his home. He stated that from CREEKMORE'S general activity in the neighborhood he believed him to be a man of good reputation and knew of no reason for questioning his loyalty and patriotism to this country.

MR. J. McGUIRE, 13th and Pennsylvania Avenue, S. E., and MR. S. L. LONG, 1418 Potomac Avenue, S. E., advised that although they had been residing in the neighborhood for several years they had not become acquainted with CREEKMORE.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent D. B. BRYAN.

Inspector JOSEPH W. SHIMON, United States Attorney's Office, residence address 3230 South Glebe Road, Arlington, Virginia, Honorable NATHAN CAYTON, 2948 Macomb Street, Northwest, and Honorable CHESTER H. GRAY, Chief Trial Attorney, Corporation Counsel, residence address 6420 31st Street, Northwest, advised that they could not recall having observed WILLIAM L. CREEKMORE ever reporting the proceedings of a trial and therefore could give no opinion with reference to his character, loyalty or shorthand ability.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent T. H. MORGAN:

MR. JOHN J. O'LEARY, Chief Clerk, United States Attorney's Office, advised that he was not acquainted with MR. WILLIAM L. CREEKMORE.

Special Agent TIBBALS contacted RICHMOND B. KEECH, Corporation Consul, LEO A. ROVER, Attorney at Law, JAMES C. WILKES, Attorney at Law, and CHARLES B. MURRAY, Assistant U. S. Attorney, none of whom were acquainted with WILLIAM L. CREEKMORE.

CREDIT

A review of the files of The Credit Bureau, 1221 G Street, N. W., revealed a report dated October 10, 1941, concerning WILLIAM L. CREEKMORE, 1379 Potomac Avenue, S. E., setting forth the following information:

Subject is thirty-eight (38) to forty (40) years of age, is married to ATHA CREEKMORE and has two (2) dependent children. He has resided at the above address as a very satisfactory tenant since July, 1939. He formerly lived for two (2) years at 1311 L Street, N. W., and prior to that for twenty (20) years in Odum, Georgia. He is employed by WARD & PAUL Shorthand Reporters, with estimated earnings of $2,000. per annum, and is well regarded by that firm.

Mrs. ATHA CREEKMORE is employed as Manager of the Rosalie Robin Sport Shop, 1020 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.; is well thought of by the management and her position is permanent.

This file indicated a satisfactory credit rating and no derogatory information was reflected.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent T. H. MORGAN:

CRIMINAL

The files of the Traffic Bureau and the Criminal Identification Division of the Metropolitan Police Department were checked, with negative results.

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
HORACE L. WEBB	INFORMATION CONCERNING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Former employer recommends WEBB without reservation. Neighborhood investigation indicates WEBB moved from Chicago only 8 months ago but is well regarded by neighbors. No foreign sympathies reflected. Arrested for traffic violation April 3, 1942. No credit record.

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REFERENCE: Telephone call from Supervisor GEORGE BURTON of the Bureau to Special Agent in Charge McKEE on July 4, 1942, at 4 P. M.

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NEIGHBORHOOD

HORACE L. WEBB

The neighborhood portion of this investigation conducted at McLean, Virginia, was performed by Special Agent J. R. HUNTER.

Mr. R. T. AKRE, who is Chief of the Identification Division of the U. S. Coast Guard and who resides on Hitt Avenue about one half mile south of McLean, Virginia, near the residence of Mr. WEBB, advised that he has known Mr. WEBB for the past eight months, during which time WEBB has lived in that neighborhood. He stated further that it is his understanding that Mr. WEBB moved there from Chicago, Illinois.

According to Mr. AKRE, WEBB is quiet and has never discussed his work with him. He stated further that WEBB is sober and drinks only socially, adding that he has never seen him under the influence of liquor. He said that he knows of no clubs, societies or organizations with which Mr. WEBB is affiliated and that it is his opinion that he is a loyal and patriotic citizen.

Mrs. AKRE gave substantially the same information as that furnished by her husband and added that Mrs. WEBB has remarked to her that she knows little concerning Mr. WEBB's work since he never discusses his business at home.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. HOULIHAN, who reside on Hitt Avenue, stated that they know the WEBBS only by sight and have never visited in their home or engaged in conversation with them. The WEBBS, they advised, have two small sons and so far as they know enjoy a good reputation in the vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. ROBERTSON, who reside on 6th Street near Mr. WEBB's home, stated that they are not acquainted with him or his family, although they know him by sight, and added that he is regarded as a substantial citizen in the neighborhood.

Mr. E. H. ROBERTSON, who resides on 6th Street, related that he knows Mr. WEBB by sight but has never talked with him and is not in a position to furnish information concerning his character or reputation. However, he stated he has never heard anything of a derogatory nature concerning him.

Mr. J. H. BROWN, who resides at the intersection of the Old Dominion Highway and the Old County Road near the residence of Mr. WEBB, said that he is not acquainted with WEBB, although he understands a family by that name resides in the neighborhood.

It is to be noted that the vicinity in which Mr. WEBB resides is sparsely populated and that he has no immediate neighbors.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent C. S. MAYFIELD, JR.

Mr. FLOYD WORDEN, Official Reporter of Debates, United States Senate, advised that he was well acquainted with HORACE L. WEBB and had employed Mr. WEBB for about a year and a half in Chicago, Illinois. Mr. WORDEN stated that Mr. WEBB was an excellent young man and that he took pleasure in recommending him without reservation for any type of reporting work, no matter how confidential.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent D. B. BRYAN.

Inspector JOSEPH W. SHIMON, United States Attorney's Office, residence address 3230 South Glebe Road, Arlington, Virginia, Honorable NATHAN CAYTON, 2948 Macomb Street, Northwest, and Honorable CHESTER H. GRAY, Chief Trial Attorney, Corporation Counsel, residence address 6420 31st Street, Northwest, advised that they could not recall having observed LAWRENCE LaCHARITY ever reporting the proceedings of a trial and therefore could give no opinion with reference to his character, loyalty or shorthand ability.

Special Agent TIBBALS contacted RICHMOND B. KEECH, Corporation Consul, Mr. LEO A. ROVER, Attorney at Law, Mr. JAMES C. WILKES, and Mr. CHARLES B. MURRAY, Assistant U. S. Attorney, none of whom were acquainted with Mr. HORACE L. WEBB.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent D. B. BRYAN.

Inspector JOSEPH W. SHIMON, United States Attorney's Office, residence address 3230 South Glebe Road, Arlington, Virginia, Honorable NATHAN CAYTON, 2948 Macomb Street, Northwest, and Honorable CHESTER H. GRAY, Chief Trial Attorney, Corporation Counsel, residence address 6420 31st Street, Northwest advised that they could not recall having observed HORACE L. WEBB ever reporting the proceedings of a trial and therefore could give no opinion with reference to his character, loyalty or shorthand ability.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent T. H. MORGAN:

MR. JOHN J. O'LEARY, Chief Clerk, United States Attorney's Office, advised that he does not know MR. HORACE L. WEBB.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent T. H. MORGAN:

CRIMINAL

The files of the Traffic Bureau of the Metropolitan Police Department reflected one traffic violation on the part of WEBB — parking overtime on April 3, 1942, for which violation he elected to forfeit $5.00.

The files of the Criminal Identification Division failed to reflect any record for WEBB.

CREDIT

A check of the files of the Credit Bureau, 1221 G Street, Northwest, by Special Agent C. S. MAYFIELD Jr., reflected that Mr. WEBB has no credit record in the District of Columbia.

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
CARL J. HUSEMAN	INFORMATION CONCERNING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Neighbors state HUSEMAN sober, quiet, minds own business and without foreign sympathies. HUSEMAN arrested fifteen times since 1928 for traffic infractions. Credit record indicates satisfactory rating but one "very slow" account.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. G. MACDONALD.

Mr. ELMON F. MORRIS, 325 - 35th Street, N. E., advised that he had known the HUSEMANS for approximately two years; that Mr. HUSEMAN is presently married to his second wife, his first wife having died in childbirth several years ago; and that, in addition to the baby, he has a son about 18 years of age. He advised that the son is very soon going to work at the Navy Yard as an apprentice machinist. He stated that Mr. HUSEMAN is a very quiet individual who tends to his own business and has never caused any disturbance in the neighborhood; furthermore, that he has never heard any derogatory information in regard to Mr. HUSEMAN or the other members of the family. He stated that he is well regarded by the other neighbors and that there has never been any question as to his loyalty, and he believes that he would certainly keep confidential information to himself.

Mrs. EDITH COLE, 326 - 35th Street, N. E., advised that she was not intimately acquainted with the HUSEMANS but she has never heard any derogatory information in regard to them. She stated that they mind their own business and never cause any disturbance in the neighborhood. So far as she knows they do not drink and she has never observed any rowdy parties of any kind in their home. She stated that they have a very nice, well brought up son, and that she is of the opinion that they are all very good loyal Americans.

Mr. and Mrs. CARL E. NELSON, 317 - 35th Street, N. E., advised that they have known the HUSEMANS for several years; that they are quite sure that they are good citizens since Mr. HUSEMAN has taken an active interest in and has been very cooperative with Mr. NELSON in connection with the air raid warden duties. Mr. NELSON stated that he was a very quiet man who minds his own business. He has never known him to drink and has never known of any rowdy parties at his home. Mrs. NELSON confirmed the information given by her husband and also stated that, in regard to confidential information, she was quite positive that Mr. HUSEMAN would not divulge any such information. She stated that she recalled that several weeks ago Mrs. HUSEMAN had remarked to her that Mr. HUSEMAN was leaving town on a confidential assignment and had not even disclosed to her the city to which he was going. Both Mr. and Mrs. NELSON stated that they had never heard any derogatory information in regard to the HUSEMANS.

Mr. MICHAEL J. O'BRIEN, 320 - 35th Street, N. E., and Mr. THEODORE N. BLACK, 335 - 35th Street, N. E., advised that they have only a speaking acquaintance with Mr. HUSEMAN but that they consider him dependable and a good American and have heard nothing derogatory about him or any of the members of his family.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent D. B. BRYAN.

Inspector JOSEPH W. SHIMON, United States Attorney's Office, residence address 3230 South Glebe Road, Arlington, Virginia, Honorable NATHAN CAYTON, 2948 Macomb Street, Northwest, and Honorable CHESTER H. GRAY, Chief Trial Attorney, Corporation Counsel, residence address 6420 31st Street, Northwest, advised that they could not recall having observed CARL HUSEMAN ever reporting the proceedings of a trial and therefore could give no opinion with reference to his character, loyalty or shorthand ability.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent T. H. MORGAN:

MR. JOHN J. O'LEARY, Chief Clerk, United States Attorney's Office, advised that he was not acquainted with MR. CARL HUSEMAN.

Special Agent TIBBALS contacted RICHMOND B. KEECH, Corporation Consul, LEO A. ROVER, Attorney at Law, JAMES C. WILKES, Attorney at Law and CHARLES B. MURRAY, Assistant U. S. Attorney, none of whom were acquainted with CARL HUSEMAN.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent T. H. MORGAN:

CRIMINAL

The files of the Traffic Bureau of the Metropolitan Police Department reflected fifteen traffic violations on the part of HUSEMAN covering a period from June, 1928, through March, 1942. The majority of these violations were for overtime parking, none of the others being of a serious nature.

The files of the Criminal Identification Division failed to reflect any record on HUSEMAN.

CREDIT

A review of the files of The Credit Bureau, 1221 G Street, N. W., revealed a report dated October 29, 1941, concerning CARL J. HUSEMAN, 321 35th Street, N. E., setting forth the following information:

Subject is a widower, and has one son and one daughter. His addresses are listed as follows:

May, 1939 to date of report	321 - 35th Street, N. E.
July, 1934 to May, 1939	1705 West Virginia Avenue, N. E.
Prior to 1934	1105 D Street, S. E.
	443 - 7th Street, S. W.
	507 - 8th Street, S. W.
	and in
	Alexandria, Virginia.

Subject is employed by WARD & PAUL, Shorthand Reporters, in the Duplicating Section, at $40.00 to $45.00 per week. He has been employed there since 1933 and is regarded as satisfactory. He was formerly employed by the United States Coast Guard from December, 1920 until 1927, and did part-time work for The Hecht Company, off and on for eight (8) or ten (10) months.

This file indicates a satisfactory credit on the whole, but one garage reports him "Very Slow" in paying a bill of about $20.00. No derogatory information was listed.

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